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Bardoli To Reiterate Congress Demand?

PARTICIPATION IN WAR IF BRITAIN RESPONDS

Issue Of Offices In Provinces Not Imminent: Mahatma Not To Drop Satyagraha?

BARDOLI, December 22.

Will the Indian National Congress revise its present programme of Individual Civil Disobedience in favour of a return to a Parliamentary programme and full co-operation in war efforts? This is the question that will engage the attention of Congress Working Committee which meets here to-morrow after fifteen months.

Mahatma Gandhi will be present at the meeting.

CONGRESS POSITION CLARIFIED

During the last week or two the Congress position has been clarified by statements and speeches by front rank Congress leaders. While Mahatma Gandhi has repeatedly said that there can be no Congress participation in war as long as the Congress adhered to the principle of non-violence, Mr. Rajagopalachari has openly expressed his differences with Mahatma Gandhi on this issue and urged the need for the immediate formation of a National Coalition Government at the Centre for organising the defences of the country.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in his numerous speeches and statements since his release has declared that in this war his sympathies are with Britain, America, Russia and China, though he cannot help in the war until the Congress demand for Indian Independence is conceded by Britain

PRESIDENT'S STAND

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, has publicly stated that the issue before the Congress is not violence versus non-violence but the British Government's attitude towards the Indian demand.

If Britain changes her attitude and makes an offer the Congress would consider it. As far as non-violence is concerned the Congress had made it clear last year in the Wardha statement that it could not accept non-violence for the purpose of meeting external aggression. That position still stands.

From all these expressions of views one thing appears to be clear, that if there is a reasonable offer from the British Government it will be considered by the Congress.

Restatement Of Position

While the present meeting of the Congress Working Committee is not expected completely to reverse the present policy of the Congress, according to informed circles, the Congress will once again restate the Congress demand and Congress position vis-a-vis war.

Such a restatement of the Congress position, it is pointed out, will clear the atmosphere and enable both the Congress and the British Government to make a fresh approach if such a desire exists on either side. This is what Mr. Rajagopalachari is expected to attempt.

There does not appear to be an immediate prospect of a return to offices in the Provinces, as a result of this meeting, as the question of offices in the Provinces is not likely to be considered without a change at the centre. It is pointed out that once the necessary change at the Centre was secured the solution of the Provincial deadlock will automatically follow.

Satyagraha To Continue?

Informed circles also express the view that Mahatma Gandhi may not agree to a complete abandonment of the Satyagraha movement and, therefore, the possibility of a much more restricted movement is not altogether ruled out.

There have been many exchanges of views among the members of the Congress Working Committee since the last two days Certain members struck a pessimistic tone in view of the British Government's determination to stick to the August offer, to which the Viceroy referred last week, while certain others drew attention to the change in tone of the British Press and politicians towards the Indian question.

STATEMENT ON SATYAGRAHA

The Working Committee, it is understood, will hear a statement from Mahatma Gandhi to-morrow on the progress of the Satyagraha movement. In view of the important issues involved it is stated tha the Committee is likely to have prolonged sittings.

CONGRESS CABINET MEETS TO-DAY

BARDOLI, Dec. 22.

The Congress Working Committee meets to-morrow at 2 p.m. It appears certain that the Committee will continue its sessions till December 26.

The "United Press" learns that Gandhiji will attend to-morrow's sitting of the Working Committee, and he is expected to be present every day to give his considered opinion on various issues that would be raised.

A. I. C. C. Venue

As for the venue of the next meeting of the All-India Congress Commitee, it appears that members of the Working Committee could not come to any final decision yet.

The question will come up before the meeting of the Committee, which after considering the numerous invitations received from different Congress Committees all over Gujarat and Northern India will announce its decision.—United Press.

Congress Attitude Towards New Assam Ministry

SHILLONG, December 22.

Explaining the attitude of the Congress Party in the Assam Legislative Assembly with regard to the situation in the Province following the resignation of the Saadullah Ministry, Mr. G. N. Bardoloi, ex-Premier and leader of the Opposition, in the course of a statement, says: "Our Party will function as an independent Group and would not sit behind the treasury benches; will not take part in the actual formation of the Ministry; and if the ministry is formed, our party will not oppose it as the party of Mr R K. Chowdhury has given an undertaking to carry on the Congress policy and programme except the war measures."

Mr Bardoloi adds: "The Progressive Nationalist Party of which Mr. Chowdhury is the leader has given us a further assurance of the manner in which it would carry on the Congress programme to my satisfaction.'—A. P.

Leaders' Talks At Bardoli

Nehru, Azad And C. R. Explain Their Views To Gandhiji

BARDOLI, Dec. 22.

"There are intricacies yet."

These words from the mouth of a prominent member of the Congress Working Committee, when he came out of Gandhiji's camp after one hour's discussion with him, sum up the result so far achieved in the informal discussions of the members of the Working Committee with Gandhiji both yesterday and the day before on the question of non-violence.

It is said that all possible efforts are being made by the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to evolve an agreed formula on this issue and for this purpose Pandit Nehru was closeted with Gandhiji for about three hours last night after prayer time.

Although the members are unusually reticent it is believed that the ideological differences have not come anywhere near being solved. Differences of opinion with Gandhiji appear to be prevailing with regard to wider implications of Mr. Rajagopalachariar's move.

Mr. Rajagopalachariar who arrived yesterday from Bombay with Mr. Bhulabhai Desai also had one hour's discussion with Gandhiji when he explained his stand in regard to the question of non-violence. His contention is somewhat on the same lines as his address at the convocation of the Lucknow University. The same question came for close scrutiny this morning also when the members assembled in the leaders' camp.

LONG DISCUSSIONS

The longest of informal discussions among members of the Congress Working Committee who have already assembled here took place this afternoon in the leaders' camp when, it is gathered, the final touches were given to the comprehensive agenda which will be considered by the Working Committee during its present session.

The "United Press' learns that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Dr. Rajendra Prasad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru took active part in to-day's discussions, especially on the question of Congress attitude towards non-violence and all its implications in so far as it relates to external aggression and the defence of India.

Among to-day's arrivals are Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan and Dr. Khan Sahib, who has been specially invited to attend the meeting.

Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh arrived here this afternoon. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Dr. B. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and Mr. Asaf Ali, the remaining members of the Working Committee, are arriving to-morrow morning.

To-day being Gandhiji's silence day, it appears no discussions will be held with him to-day.

STOP PRESS

U. S. Military Selective Service Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

President Roosevelt signed a Bill enlarging the selective service plan. Under the new law, all men from 18 to 64 must register and all from 20 to 44 are liable to active military service.—Reuter.

R.A.F. BOMBS LAND ON NAZI WARSHIPS

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Photographs of the 'Scharnhorst' and the 'Gneisenau', taken on December 18 at Brest during the daylight attacks, show that the battle cruisers were hit by heavy armour-piercing bombs as they lay in dry docks side by side.—Reuter.

Atlantic Charter For India

Conservatives Warn Churchill

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Conservative Members of Parliament, I gather from a talk with three of them yesterday, like their Liberal and Labour Colleagues, take the view that "given the purpose for which Great Britain is fighting, it is morally impossible not to conclude that the spirit of the Atlantic Charter ought to govern relations between Britain and India".

These Conservatives agree that the overwhelming mass of Indian opinion is anti-Nazi and that the contribution which a satisfied India—Free India—could make to defeat forces of Hitlerism is far greater than it is now maving.

It seems to these parliamentarians that Mr. Churchill's recalcitrance is of the same order and character as that which resulted in the loss of America in the eighteenth century. With Japanese near the Gateway of India, it would be violation of elementary maxims in political prudence if India continued to remain not free. It would be a portent of disaster to all highest purposes to which Mr. Churchill has committed Great Britain in the Atlantic Charter.

(Right to left) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel snapped at Bardoli.

Why Should Premier Consult Whitehall?

KARACHI, Dec. 22.

The Premier's statement on Friday regarding differences between the Ministry and Governor on the question of special powers, was the subject of two adjournment motions from the Muslim League benches to-day. One of these was admitted by the Speaker and will be taken up in the evening.

The adjournment which was moved by S. H. Abdul Majid sought "to discuss the unsatisfactory nature of the statement made on the floor of the house, which raises a grave constitutional issue".

The Speaker ruled out a similar motion by Khan Bahadur Khuro.

CONGRESS STAND

Another adjournment motion given notice of by Miss Jethi Sipahimalani was not moved in pursunace of the Congress Party's decision not to press the issue. Miss Jethi said in view of the fact that the Premier's statement admitted a series of interferences by the Governor it was fair that the statement should be discussed on its merits and she suggested that the leaders of the House should allot a special day for its discussion.

The adjournment motion to discuss the unsatisfactory nature of the Premier's statement was talked out in the Sind Assembly.

PREMIER EXPLAINS

The Premier, Khan Bahadur Allabux, explaining his position said, "It was far from my intention to refer the matter to the Secretary ofState. The advice came from the Governor and the Viceroy. I feel personally that there is some force in it".

He added that the Viceroy had suggested to him that the Governor's decision should not necessarily be taken as either right or wrong and it was desirable that before they disclosed the files or made the matter public it would be desirable to have some authoritative ruling on the issue. The

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Fighting In Lingayen Gulf

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

A War Department "communique" outlining the situation at 9-30 (E. S. T.) on Monday in the Philippines says:

Heavy fighting is in progress in the Lingayen gulf 150 miles north of Manila where the Japanese are attempting a landing in force. Under strong naval and air escort, a fleet of about 80 troopships appeared off the west coast of Luzon. Soon afterwards, a large number of man-barges entered the Lingayen gulf attempting landings in the vicinity of Aggoo. Some of them succeeded in getting ashore. Attempted invasion is being met with fierce resistance by American and Filippino troops, fighting is continuing near Davai on the island of Mindanao".—Reuter.

Hong Kong To Resist 'Till Governor Is Taken Prisoner'

New Japanese Expeditionary Force To Attack Philippines

ROOSEVELT'S PLAN FOR JOINT ACTION AGAINST AXIS

LONDON, December 22.

There has been no fresh report from Hong Kong, says the Singapore radio, but indications are that the garrison is keeping up its resistance and that the Japanese have not been able to renew their premature claim to have captured the Island.

RESISTANCE TO CONTINUE

A message from Hong Kong stated that the resistance of the Island would continue until the Governor Sir Mark Young, was taken prisoner.

The Colonial Office announced to-day that a further message has been received from the Governor of Hong Kong quoting a 'communique' issued at Hong Kong at 17-30 (local time) on Sunday, which stated that the enemy had been very active all day but was being held.

PLAN FOR UNITY OF ACTION

WASHINGTON.—WITH RUSSIAN, CHINESE AND NETHERLANDS ENVOYS TO THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO-DAY TOOK PRELIMINARY STEPS IN "A JOINT PLANNING FOR UNITY OF ACTION", BY COUNTRIES FIGHTING THE AXIS.

SINGAPORE, A CLOSED PORT

SINGAPORE, Dec. 22.

Allied shipping was warned on Saturday night that Singapore is a closed port to night.

Vessels will be fired on if approaching during darkness beyond 104 degrees 25 minutes from east or 103 degrees 30 minutes from west.

EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATISTS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 22.

Negotiations are progressing satisfactorily for the exchange of the British and American diplomatists in Japan and the Japanese diplomatists in Britain and the United States according to an announcement by the Argentine Foreign Minister.

He explained that the Argentine steamer, Rio De La Plate (9000 tons) will sail from a United States port to Japan for the purpose. The vessel was formerly the Italian owned Principessa Maria. The new Argentine ambassador to Japan will also be a passenger.—Reuter

SCORCHED EARTH POLICY AT PENANG

LONDON.—It is authoritatively stated that the "scorched earth" policy was carried out at Penang before evacuation. The Prai power station and the Penang Tin Smelting Works were completely destroyed.

Nine Japanese Planes Destroyed

SINGAPORE.—The destruction or damage of nine Japanese aircraft to-day is reported in to-night's official 'communique.'

The 'communique' states: "There is nothing to report from the northern front. There was some air activity over Kuala Lumpur this morning. Fighting took place between enemy aircraft and our own planes and our anti-aircraft guns were also active. Three enemy aircraft were seen to have been destroyed. We lost three fighter aircraft.

It is further reported that during an offensive air patrol by our aircraft on an airfield in the north occupied by the Japanese, six enemy planes were put out of commission.

Br. Planes Raid Enemy Aerodrome

RANGOON, Dec. 22.

It is officially announced that British planes have raided an enemy aerodrome in Eastern Thailand destroying enemy planes and petrol dumps.—A.P.

Netherlands At War With Italy

LONDON: The Netherlands' Government has informed the Italian Government that the Kingdom of the Netherlands is at war with Italy as from December Eleventh. This declaration is a sequel to the agreement concluded on that day between Germany, Japan and Italy whereby Italy took the side of both Germany and Japan with which the Netherlands is at war.

Why Not Blamey For Singapore?

MELBOURNE: The "Argus" urges editorially to-day that General Blamey, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, the Middle East, should be appointed as the Australian representative on the Singapore War Council. "We must put our point of view with authority which cannot be disregarded", the "Argus" declares.

"Some stages of our fight for

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UNEASINESS IN WASHINGTON

Japanese Plans For Big Push On Philippines

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

The Capital, to-day saw a supreme test confronting the Philippines as the Japanese brought up new forces of at least 40,000 troops for a big push on the key defences of the island.

It was thought here that the massing of a huge fleet off Lingayen means only one thing, that Japan is in great haste to crush Philippine resistance regardless of cost.

STRENGTH OF NEW EXPEDITION

Officials here placed the minimum strength of the new invasion expedition at 40,000 and said that it might prove to be a great deal larger because the short haul from nearby Japanese bases would enable transports to carry more men than a long distance expedition would permit. The thrust caused some uneasiness in Washington on more than one score, for it obviously indicated that the Japanese considered themselves more than equal to any aerial or naval attempts to smash the invasion fleet. Otherwise, servicemen here said it would be suicidal to mass such an amount of shipping into a huge target for guns, warships, bombs and planes.

U. S. ASIATIC FLEET INTACT

The distinct possibility of an all-out land, sea and air battle was therefore envisaged. The United States Asiatic Fleet which has been operating in Philippine waters is believed to be intact and ready to contest any Major Japanese operations.

General MacArthur has long been confident of the ability of the land forces to repel a full dress invasion attempt.

However, disquieting advices from Manila indicated that the Japanese have been able to develop substantial air fields at three beachheads in Luzon as bombers operating over Manila are now raining larger bombs than earlier. The development of these fields promised to give the new invasion drive the support of land based planes.

Uncertainty to-day still shrouded the battle of Mindanao where last official reports said that heavy fighting was in progress.—Reuter.

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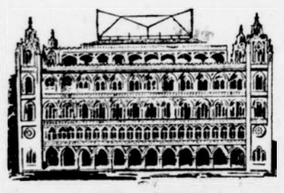

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1. Letter from the Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes—Regarding the election by Councillors who profess the Mussalman faith of two representatives on the Wakf Committee.

2. Election of one member on the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee to fill in a casual vacancy.

3. Election of three members on the Tramways and Telephone Committee to fill in casual vacancies

4. Letter from Mr. Mathooradas Tricamjee—Resigning his seat on the Regional Transport Authority, Bombay.

5. Interpellations.

6-27. Letters from the authorities of the (6) Muslim Girls Orphanage; (7) Shree Shivaji Vyayam Mandir, Bholwada; (8) Modern Physical Culture Institute, Thakurdwar; (9) Digamber Vyayam Shala, Arthur Road, Chinchpokli; (10) Hindmata Seva Mandal; (11) Rohidas Sudharak Mandal; (12) Bharateeya Taroon Sangh; (13) Om Samarth Bharath Vyayam Mandir; (14) Kot Hindu Stree Mandal; (15) Nakhuda Moholla Bachalsha Talim Khana; (16) Palton Road Physical Institute; (17) Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute; (18) Tibbia College; (19) Baby and Health Week Association, Bombay Branch; (20) Gadge Maharaj Anathashram; (21) Shri Shivaji Vyayam Mandir, Fanaswadi; (22) New Physical Culture Home, Chowpatty; (23) Janata Seva Sangh, DeLisle Road; (24) Imamwada Chawls' Tenants' Association; (25) Gomantak Maratha Samaj, Bombay; (26) Rashtra Bhasha Prachar Sangh; and (27) Bohra Youth League—Applying for grants-in-aid of their respective institutions for the year 1942-43.

28-29. Letters from the authorities of the (28) Depressed Classes Mission Society of India; and (29) Blind Relief Association—Forwarding copies of the Annual Reports, etc., of their respective institutions.

30. Letter from Messrs. Chitre & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of their client, Mr. Namdeo Kaluji Bhoir—Claiming ownership of certain plots of land in Sion Division, etc.

31. Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Maharashtra Library Association—Regarding the location of libraries run by the Schools Committee, etc.

32. Letter from Messrs. Ambubhai and Diwanji, Solicitors—Regarding setback at 71, Kapad Bazar Road, Mahim.

33. Budget Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1942-43 framed by the Standing Committee under Section 126 of the Municipal Act.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE—

34. Regarding the transfer of temporary workers to the permanent establishment.

35. Regarding the change in the designation of the post of Superintendent of Licences into that of Superintendent of Licences, Shops and Establishments.

36. Regarding the enforcement or otherwise of sanctions obtained for the removal of unauthorized works.

37. Regarding an additional grant to meet part cost of converting solid tyre equipment of 38 Municipal lorries into pneumatic equipment, etc.

38. Regarding the work of paving the passages to the west and south of Nurses' quarters at Victoria Road Maternity Home, etc.

39. Recommending sanction to certain budget transfers.

40. Regarding the discontinuance of the privilege of private practice to the future incumbents of the post of Lady Physician, Venereal Diseases Clinic, etc.

41. Regarding the improvement and extension of facilities provided at the Welfare Centres for the Municipal labour staff, etc.

42. Regarding the revised estimates for the work of remodelling the Tulsi Pipe Bridge across the Bandra Creek.

43. Regarding the provision of funds to meet the cost of laying a sewer, etc., in a road in Scheme 57, Sewri-Wadala.

44. Regarding the construction of a general public dispensary at Mumbadevi.

45. Regarding the construction of a road, etc., in Scheme 6, Sion-Matunga Estate.

46. Regarding the revised scale of pay of police constables engaged in connection with trial of Municipal cases.

47. Regarding the use of the reclaimed site of Naigaum Tank as a playground for the students of the Seth G. S. M. College, etc.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE—

48. Regarding the acquisition of a property at Maruti Lane, Fort.

49. Regarding the question of revising the lay-out of Scheme 6, Sion-Matunga Estate.

50. Regarding the question of extending northwards the park at Lakhamsey Napoo Road.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES—

51. Regarding the renewal of dar stations; (94) providing non-slippery surface on roads and bridges in lieu of sett-stone pavement; and (95) constructing a public convenience at Dadar Tram Terminus.

96. From Mr. D. V. Pradhan—For requesting Government to take suitable steps for controlling prices of food-stuffs, etc.

97-101. From Mr. Fatehmahomed Haji Ramzan—For (97) naming Mahim Causeway Bridge' as 'Jinnah Bridge'; (98) naming the recreation ground at the junction of Mori Road and Cadell Road as 'Jinnah Park'; and (99) re-naming 'Antop Hill' as either 'Haji Esmail Haji Allana Road' or 'Hazrat Shaikh Misri Dargah Road'; (100) moving the G. I. P. Railway authorities for constructing a railway station near the Rowli Cabin; and (101) for displaying a notice in Municipal offices requiring Municipal employees to treat the public with courtesy, etc.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
S. N. DAMLE.
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office, Bombay, 22nd December, 1941. (6897)

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Neral, 19th December, 1941. (6896)

G. I. P. RAILWAY.
SPECIAL NOTICE
RUNNING OF "DECCAN QUEEN"

IT IS NOTIFIED for information that the "DECCAN QUEEN" scheduled to leave Victoria Terminus, Bombay, for Poona at 5-15 p.m. on Friday, the 26th December, 1941, WILL NOT RUN on that day. It will however run on SATURDAY, the 27th December, 1941, as notified in the Two Anna Time Table for December, 1941. (6901)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. B15031 for Rs. 500 shares Nos. 220151/220155 in the Reserve Bank of India, issued in the name of Khem Chand Sahibdittamal, Chugh has been LOST, STOLEN or MISLAID. Due notice thereof has been given to the Bank and all persons are warned against dealing with Share Certificate in any way.

KHEM CHAND, Shareholder. (15534)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
NOTICE.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, Bombay, Central Public Works Division, Central Government Offices Building, Queen's Road, Bombay, invites tenders from approved First Class Contractors upto 12 Noon on 2nd January, 1942, for the work of "Construction of Quarters for 8 Wireless Operators and One Wireless Supervisor at Direction Finding Station at Bamanpuri, Bombay." Approximate cost of the work is Rs. 52,668|-.

Tender form, plans, and conditions of contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 5|4|- which amount is not refundable. (6838)

THE ASSOCIATED CEMENT COS., LTD.
TEMPORARY RECEIPT
LOST OR MISLAID.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Temporary Receipt (s) Nos. 2947 & 2948 in respect of TEN share (s) numbered 557304|808; & 227292|296 of the Associated Cement Companies, Limited, standing in the name (s) of Murlidhar Rinwa have been LOST or MISLAID, and the undersigned has applied to the Company for delivery of the Share Certificate (s) for the said share (s).

Any person in possession of the said Temporary Receipt (s) and/or having any claim to the said share (s) should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company at its Registered Office at Esplanade House, Waudby Road, Bombay, within one month from the date hereof, after which period no claim will be considered and the Directors will proceed to deal with the said application and deliver the Share Certificate (s) if they think fit.

Dated this 22nd day of Dec., 1941
Shareholder's Signature.
MURLIDHAR RINWA.

Public Notices

VICTORY FAIR, BIKANER.

The features of the above Fair to be held in Bikaner from the 5th to 19th March, 1942, will include athletic sports, wrestling, circus, carnivals, theatrical and conjuring performances, etc.

Persons interested in the above sports and entertainments are requested to apply, stating terms etc., to THE SECRETARY, VICTORY FAIR, BIKANER. (6895)

THE GUZERAT RAILWAYS COMPANY, LTD.
NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 9th January, to MONDAY, 26th January, 1942, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
KILLICK, NIXON & CO.
Agents
Home Street, Fort,
Bombay, 22nd December, 1941. (6892)

NOTICE.
KARACHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Officer in charge of the Municipal Electrical Department on the grade of Rs. 350—15—500 plus a conveyance allowance of Rs. 75|- per month inclusive of travel to Dumlottee, with one year's initial probation. Leave and Pension according to Municipal Rules (revised in the case of new entrants in Municipal Service). Subscription to Municipal (non-contributory) Provident Fund compulsory.

Applicants must be not less than 30 years of age and not more than 45 years of age, should be graduate in Electrical Engineering of a recognised British or Indian University or licentiates in Electrical Engineering of the Bombay Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute and preferably an Associate Member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (England), and must possess experience in the design, erection, operation and maintenance of Power Plant generation, transmission and distribution, and also administrative experience of atleast 10 years. Preference will be given to Sindhi candidates or candidates domiciled in Sind, other qualification being equal.

Applications stating age and qualifications and full particulars of electrical engineering and administrative experience and accompanied by a certificate of physical fitness from a registered Medical Practitioner and copies of testimonials and recent photograph (which will not be returned) superscribed "Application for appointment of Officer in charge of Municipal Electrical Department" should reach the Undersigned not later than 20th January, 1942.

Canvassing directly or indirectly any member of the Corporation will be a disqualification.

No joining expenses will be paid.

CHIEF OFFICER. (6891)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. VISHWESHWAR GANGARAM and SHANKERLAL VISHWESHWAR, both of Bombay Hindu inhabitants have pursuant to the power of sale reserved to them under the Indenture of Mortgage dated the 22nd day of June, 1939 and the two Indentures of Transfer of Mortgage both, dated the 2nd day of September, 1939, contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us in our Office No. 14K, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay, and to the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Colaba in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and containing by admeasurement 1012 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Rent Roll No. 10029, Cadastral Survey No. 1/488 of Colaba Division and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by a portion of plot No. 8/3, on or towards the West by Cuffe Parade Road, on or towards the North by a strip of land to be left open and unbuilt upon forming part of plot No. 8/3 and on or towards the South by Government land bearing Cadastral Survey No. 489 of the Colaba Division leased to Khan Bahadur Hormusji K. Bhabha and others and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under 1 (A) Ward No. 217 (5) and Street No. 8 B.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1941.

MERWANJI KOLA & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys. 6898.

CHARLIE
STORMS THE TOWN WITH HIS FURIOUS FUNNY PUNCHES
A RANJIT HIT
DHANDORA
DRAWING CAPACITY HOUSES In 2nd Glorious Week
Directed by CHARLIE
Cast: CHARLIE, DIXIT, SHAMIM, HUSN BANU
Daily at 4, 7, 10 p.m. Mat. Tomorrow Thu., Fri. at 1 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE

THE PICTURE FOR THE FESTIVE OCCASION
To-day Shows Nos. 341, 342 and 343
MINERVA'S Historical Extravaganza
SIKANDAR
Director: SOHRAB MODI
16th X'mas Week 16th
MINERVA
Daily 3 Shows—4, 7, 10 p.m.
X'MAS HOLIDAYS—1-15 p.m. Matinee Extra
(An Evergreen Release)

Daily Matinees at 1-30 p.m. in Xmas Holidays
IMPERIAL
Daily: 4, 7, 10 p.m.
Held Over 10 Tenth WEEK
'Sunrise'-Picture
"Ghar-Ki-Laj"
'ANAND' Release
The Picture Women like For Men!

REGAL at 4, 6-30 & 10 p.m.
Last 2 Days!
MOON OVER MIAMI IN TECHNICOLOR!
NEXT WEDNESDAY:
SONJA HENIE JOHN PAYNE Sun Valley Serenade
(Plans Open Book To-day)

Daily: 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC
Also Daily Matinees at 1 p.m. On Xmas Holidays
The 'ROYAL'-JEWEL Shines As Ever
"SWAMI"
'ROYAL'-JEWEL No. 16
Directed by A. R. KARDAR
10 Delightful WEEK 10
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ROYAL RELEASE NO.16

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET STEADY

MILL PRICE FIXING AND NEW ORLEANS BUYING

Scale Up Hedging And Liquidation

Bombay: December 22.

The New York cotton market is keeping very steady on continued mill price fixing.

There was New Orleans and Wire-House buying on Saturday induced by prospects of raised cotton oil ceilings and offerings were limited.

When March was above 17 cent level there appeared some scale-up hedging and liquidation.

The Washington Administration is inclined to fight inflation possibilities by fixing ceiling prices and cotton is not an exception. Thus operators are awaiting developments and it is reported that the cotton ceiling will not be below 1st October quotation.

After the experience of the last war, the administration is against inflation and is keenly following parity prices. This will maintain price equilibrium to some extent and where there are surpluses the Government will be able to control effectively, but if the present war lasts long, it is difficult to keep the supplies at a particular level, as there are too many uncertain factors such as rain, weather and labour.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened at a rise of 9 points with March 16.95 and declined to 16.89 which was the lowest. Thereafter there was improved buying and March advanced to 17.01 which was the highest level. Prices again reacted and finally closed at a net rise of 4 to 10 pts. Spot cotton prices advanced 6 pts at 18.14c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was steady and closed at a rise of 10 to 12 pts. Spot cotton prices improved 12 pts at 17.32c per lb.

Cotton ginnings upto 13th December were 9,915,000 bales.

WEEKLY REVIEW

The market was irregular with conflicting developments. Government's offering of surplus wheat aroused fears of a similar plan for cotton. It is estimated that cotton entering the loan amounts to 2 to 2 1/2 million bales compared with 1 1/2 millions recently. The Department of Agriculture announced the discontinuance of the export subsidy on cotton goods effective from December 12 with sales from August to December equivalent to 251,000 bales. Cotton Exchange Service estimates annual domestic consumption possible at 12 million. Narrow markets are expected in view of the holidays and overhanging uncertainties.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest 17.01+15 (11-30 a.m.); lowest 16.89+03 (10-13 a.m.)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Cotton generally quiet awaiting possible price control ceiling which we think unlikely fixed below closing prices October first.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: Dec. 20.

January	16.55+07
March	16.92+06
May	17.06+05
July	17.10+04
October	17.12+09
December	17.14+10

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay: December 22.

Yellow Metal Sheet	Rs. 120
Copper sheets	Rs. 125

Tone:—Steady.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: December 22.

Following a rise of 6 pts in New York cotton futures the local market opened today at Rs. 225 for Broach A/M delivery and after declining to Rs. 225/8 improved to Rs. 227 on moderate buying and short covering. At the rise there was renewed selling and prices declined to Rs. 226. The market was steady at this level with limited business.

Later on with the decline in Gold, cotton prices eased off to Rs. 223/4 on tired liquidation, but reacted to Rs. 224. Prices further declined to Rs. 222/12 on continued selling pressure and there was utter absence of any buying and prices again downturned to Rs. 221/12. The market was weak. Closing quotations at 5 p.m. were as under:—

Broach	April/May	Rs. 222/12
Broach	July/August	Rs. 228/8
Oomra	Dec/Janry	Rs. 189/4
Oomra	March	Rs. 172/4
Oomra	May	Rs. 178/0
Bengal	Dec/Janry	Rs. 136/8
Bengal	March	Rs. 137/8
Bengal	May	Rs. 138/8

TRADING HOURS IN COTTON MARKET

The trading hours in the Cotton Market are fixed on 24th, 25th, 26th, 29th, 31st December, 1941 and 1st January 1942 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay: December 22.

		Extra Spr-fine	Sup.Fine	F.G.Good
M G	Bengal U P	146	143	140 137
M G	Punjab	146	143	140 137
M G	Oomra No. 3	199	196	193 190
M G	C. P. No. 1	234	231	228 225
M G	C. P. No. 2	212	209	206 203

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay: December 22.

		Ready. Old.	Delry. Ready.	Contract Dec.-Janry.	New
Bengal	Fine	129/32	141/44		
Berar		158/63	191/93	Par	—2
C. P. 1		196/203	223/26	+30	+26
C. P. 2		168/73	203/7		
Khandesh		131/34	138/43		
Muglai		138/43	148/53		
Broach		181/96			
Broach	Low	146/51			

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay: December 22.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY	In full-pressed bales.	20-12-41. This year	Since 1st Sept. Last year
Khandesh	1,373	15,814	26,560
Central India	265	6,765	5,873
Barsi and Nagar		17,283	16,325
Hyderabad/Gaograni		1,211	4,760
Berar	1,804	45,892	53,812
Central Provinces	690	16,847	5,022
Total Oomras	4,130	103,612	112,252
Dholeras		12,746	5,067
N.-W. Provinces		949	198
Rajputana		279	679
Sind-Punjab	3,526	140,873	143,793
Broach	168	14,676	6,670
Coompta and Dharwar		5,494	23,747
Westerns-Northerns		5,515	25,405
Cocanada			170
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		7,397	522
Total		7,824	291,541	318,593
Arrived by road to 11th Dec. 1941			17,500	32,000

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay: December 22.

Wheat	January	0	1 0
Wheat	May	0	10 0
Linseed	May	1	1 0
Groundnut	February	3	8 0
Castorseed	May	5	8 0
Cottonseed	January	1	6 0
Cottonseed	May	3	0 0
Silver	1st settlement	1	10 0
Silver	2nd settlement	3	8 0
Gold	1st settlement	1	8 0
Gold	2nd settlement	3	4 0

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay: December 22.

F. P. Bales.	1941/42	1940/41
Receipts to date 20-12-41	2211000	2340000
Receipts yesterday 20-12-41	18000	11000
Export to date 19-12-41		585000
Stock at ports 19-12-41	3394000	3364000
Stock at interior towns do.	3322000	3320000
Quantity in sight 19-12-41		6908000

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below New York May 837 cent points at 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON

Bombay: December 20.

		Highest	Lowest	Closing at 3 p.m.
Broach	A/M	227	225	225 1/4
Oomra	D/J	194 3/4	193 1/4	193 1/4
Oomra	Mar.	178 1/4	176 1/4	176 1/4
Oomra	May	179 3/4	177 1/4	177 1/4
Bengal	D/J	139 3/4	138 1/2	139 1/2
Bengal	Mar.	141 1/2	139 1/2	140 3/4
Bengal	May	143	140 1/2	141 3/4

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay: December 22.

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Yarn No.	December	February	April
6 1/2s.	235	225	225
10 1/2s.	245	245	245
20 1/2s.	393	343	343
40s.	560	566	560

Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s and 40s are nominal.

SHRI MAHAJAN ASSOCIATION, LTD.

Bombay: December 22.

The following rates prevailed in the market on 22nd day of December 1941:—

BROACH FULLY GOOD QUALITY VARDAS: APRIL/MAY 1941/42.

11 a.m. (B.T.)	Rs. 225/8
12-30 p.m. (B.T.)	Rs. 226/0
1-30 p.m. (B.T.) settlement	Rs. 228/0
4-30 p.m. (B.T.)	Rs. 223/4
April/May Highest	Rs. 227/4
April/May Lowest	Rs. 222/4

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay: December 22.

		Rs. a.p.
Groundnuts February—		
Opening		44 6 0
Highest		44 9 6
Lowest		43 12 6
Closing		43 14 0
Cottonseeds January—		
Opening		27 15 0
Highest		27 15 6
Lowest		27 6 0
Closing		27 13 0
Cottonseeds May—		
Opening		26 9 0
Highest		26 9 0
Lowest		26 3 0
Closing		26 6 0
Castorseeds May—		
Opening		44 12 0
Highest		44 12 0
Lowest		44 2 0
Closing		44 2 0

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay: December 22.

Linseed	May	9 3 9
Wheat	January	5 13 6
Wheat	May	7 2 0

PEPPER AND GINGER

Bombay: December 22.

Alleppey Pepper	ready per candy	107	0 0
Maha	Sud 15	104	0 0
Chaitra	Sud 15	107	0 0
Ginger	ready	35	0 0
Maha	Sud 15	28	8 0
Chaitra	Sud 15	28	8 0

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay: December 22.

Fine White Java Sugar per cwt—
Java Ready from Bond Rs. 18
African from Bond Rs. 17/8
Shipment September Rs. 11/8 F.B.H.
Indian Sugars Ready—
Ready ordinary Rs. 17/4 to 17/10
Ready large grain Rs. 17/12 to 18/8
Bombay Group March Delivery Rs. 13/13
Tone:—Steady.

End Stomach Suffering! Enjoy Life!

Every stomach sufferer who tries Maclean Brand Stomach Powder has the same story to tell. ONE SPOONFUL WILL STOP STOMACH PAIN instantly! If you are gnawed and harassed by stomach pain, Maclean Brand Stomach Powder will restore our capacity to eat, laugh, and enjoy life to the full.

Maclean Brand Stomach Powder soothes and heals your stomach in four distinct ways: It neutralises excess acid; it spreads a protective coating over the inflamed parts; it enables your body to absorb the nourishment it needs; it evacuates clogging waste matter which is poisoning your system. Whatever your trouble is—Indigestion, Wind, Flatulence, Biliousness, or the more serious Gastric Ulcer, remember—

MACLEAN BRAND STOMACH POWDER WILL GIVE IMMEDIATE RELIEF

Be sure to ask for Maclean Brand. You can tell the genuine Maclean Brand by this signature

Alex. C. Maclean

on the bottle and carton. There is also a red seal on the carton. Maclean Brand is never sold loose—only in bottles in either powder or tablet form. Available from all Chemists and Stores.

MACLEAN BRAND Stomach Powder

Indian Stock Exchange

Bombay: December 22.

Conditions were fairly steady on the market to-day and price changes were unempressive. Tata Deferreds opened at 1650 and declined to 1646, but closed unchanged at 1650. Tata Ordinaries were well maintained at 317. Amongst Textiles Bombay Dyeings showed an improvement to 1180, but eventually stood at 1175. Indian Irons were quoted at 30.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1640) 1650 40 50
Tata Ordinaries (314) 317 16 17
Tata Ordinary 317, Tata Deferred 1650, Indian Iron 30, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 17/10 Bombay Dyeing 1175, Central India 350, Century 385, Gokak 269, Kohinoor 470, Simplex 182/8, Andhra Valley 1645, Tata Hydro 171/14, Tata Power 1575, Associated Cement 1558/8, Belapur 235, Bombay Burma Old 340.

HOLIDAY ON INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay: December 22.

The Exchange will remain closed for Christmas Holidays from Tuesday, December 23, 1941 to Thursday, January 1, 1942 (both days being inclusive)

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 22.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/57 Loan 97
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 93-0
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 98-8
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 98
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 108-
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 103-2
3 per cent War Bonds 101
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan 112-0

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 108-12
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore 115
5 per cent 1956 Mysore 128-8

CORPORATION DEBENTURE

4 per cent B P T 1947 108
4 per cent M Deb 1947 108
6 per cent M Deb 1954 128-0
6 per cent K P T 1956 129-8
Trend: Steady.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay: December 22.

On Saturday London markets were closed. London Gold was unchanged at £8/8/0. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03⅛ at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London spot silver was 23 1/2d and forward quotation was 23 9/16d London Bombay spot Silver parity was Rs. 62/10/3 and forward parity was Rs. 62/12/6. The local market was quietly steady with a moderate business.

Later on there was increased selling pressure and quotations were marked down.

Quotations were as under: Gold Silver

Ready	Rs. 47 14 0 70 4 0
Posh	Rs. 47 8 0 65 11 0

Sovereigns Rs. 32/14.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: December 22.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months.
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months.
B C RATES:—
T T 1/5 15/16; D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32; D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/5 1/32; D D 1/5 6/32
NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4; D D Rs. 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs. 327 1/2
Cross Rates Dol. 4.02 1/2; 3 1/2.
MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs. 294 3/4
Cross Rates Dol. 4.43/47.
JAVA:—
Banks selling T T Gld 55 3/4; D D Gld 56
Banks buying T T Gld 57½; D D Gld 58.
Cross Rates Gld 7.58/62.
BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs. 126 3/4; D D nil.
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil.
Cross Rates Fcs 17.30/40.
STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
Cross Rates K 15.85/95.
SINGAPORE:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 158; D D Rs. 158
Banks buying T T Rs. 155; D D Rs. 154 1/2
Cross Rates Sh. 2/4 5/32 7/32
HONGKONG:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 85 1/4; D D Rs 84 1/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 81 1/2; D D Rs. 81
Cross Rates Sh. 1/3 1/32
SHANGHAI:—
Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Cross Rates Sh. 0-3 3/16
MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs. 62.04
Cross Rates Pes. 19.5 21.5
LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom; D D Esc 7.35 nom.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
Cross Rates Esc 99.80 100.20
NEW YORK:—
Cross Rate Dol 4.03 3/4
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £8/8/0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 9/16 Forward.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1/2 per cent.
1 to 2 months 1/2 per cent.
3 to 6 months 3/4 per cent.
9 months 1 per cent.
Tone:—Steady.

Yarn And Silk Merchants Quotations

Bombay: December 22.

		Rs. a.p.
64/2 Koru Nissin—		
Spot		31 4 0
December		34 10 0
January		32 4 0
84/2 Koru Nissin—		
Spot		41 0 0
December		41 0 0
January		41 12 0
62/2 Any—		
Spot		2 13 0
December		3 1 0
January		3 2 0
80/2 Any—		
Spot		3 4 0
December		3 8 0
January		3 9 0
150 Any—		
Spot		3 1 0
December		3 1 0
January		3 3 0

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay: December 22.

Copper sheets lb. 21—Rs. 132, 28—127, 35—125, 42—123, 49-56—121.

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21—Rs. 117 24—112, 28—108, 35—106, 42—104, 49-56—100.

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 80. Rosita Rs. 75. Country make Rs. 70. Pigiead 'B.M.' refined Rs. 34 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Pennang Rs. 74/8 per qr.

SETTLEMENT RATES:

Copper sheets Chaitra Rs. 127.

Pigiead 'B.M.' Maha Rs. 32/8. Tin Ingot Penang Maha 64.

Market Tone:—Steady.

AMERICAN COTTON WEEKLY STATISTICS (IN 1,000'S)

NEW YORK: December 19.

	Season to-date.	This Season week.	1940-41.
Total in sight (excluding linters)			6,908
Forwarded to American mills including other America (excluding linters)	4,538	279	4,130
Exports from U. S. Ports			585
Stocks at U. S. Ports	3,394		
Stocks at U. S. interior towns	3,322		
Receipts at U.S. Ports	2,193	113	2,329

Steady Tone On Stock Exchange

IMPROVED DEMAND FOR COTTON MILL SHARES

Small Turnover In Steels

Bombay: December 22.

The local Share Bazar was quietly steady and approach of holidays restricted fresh enterprise. This resulted into narrow price movement. Minimum prices are fixed for forward shares and to this extent it affords relief to bulls. There was extensive liquidation and the technical position of the market is healthy. The immediate outlook entirely depends upon war news from the East, but if one were to compare present quotations in light of prospective dividends present quotations are safe and it requires some time to restore confidence. War news from the West are encouraging and prices are likely to harden in the long-run. There will be increased demand for regularly dividend giving scrips and preference should be given to purchases on all declines.

On Saturday the Wall-Street market was irregular. U. S. Steel shares declined 5/8 at 59 3/4 and Anaconda Copper shares were unchanged at 25 3/8 and General Motors gained 1/4 at 29 1/2 dollars.

In the local market Tata Steel Defd shares opened at Rs. 1705 and declined to Rs. 1695. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 323 and after improving to Rs. 325 reacted to Rs. 323. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1222 and improved to Rs. 1236. Later on there was slightly improved buying and Tata Steel Defds improved to Rs. 1710, while Ordinary shares were unchanged at Rs. 323, but Bombay Dyeing shares improved to Rs. 1242. Cotton Mill shares were steady on replacement.

The market remains entirely closed from to-morrow the 23rd inst. to 1st Jan. 1942 on account of the X-mas and New Year Holidays.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay: December 22.

Bombay Dyeing (1220) 1222 1236 1245 1240 1242 1245
Century (406) 415 422 421 422
Central India (367) 390 393 390 392
Kohinoor (514) 515 527 524
New Great (320) 315 322 312 315 310
Simplex (221) 225 226 225 229
Swadeshi (421) 432 435 434 436
Associated Cement (161) 161 164 163
Tramways Ordinary (148) 148
Tata Hydro (185) 185
Tata Power (1655) 1660 1650
Tata Steel Defd (1695) 1705 1697 1700 1695 1710
Tata Steel Ordinary (321) 323 325 321 323
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (138) 140 139
Beliapur (275) 280 284 282 285 284
Bombay Steam (306) 320
Bombay Burma (337) 346 357 367 360

TEXTILES

Bombay, Dec. 22.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	398	0
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1245	0
100	CENTURY	422	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	392	0
100	Colaba	216	0
100	Coorla	193	0
250	David	402	0
20	Dwan	582	0
1	E D Sassoon Defd	3	4
100	FINLAY	238	0
100	GOKAK	306	0
1000	Hindustan XD	2525	0
100	Indore	251	0
100	Khatau	238	0
100	KOHINOOR	512	0
250	LAXMI	670	0
250	Madhusudan	380	0
100	MORARJI	522	0
250	Rodel XD	211	0
50	MYSORE	132	0
200	NEW GREAT	310	0
100	Oosmanshahi	253	0
100	Podar	216	0
100	Phoenix	482	0
25	Sassoon Silk	83	0
1000	Sholapur	6760	0
50	SIMPLEX	229	0
100	SWADESHI	436	0
100	SWAN	215	0
500	Vishnu	1600	0
1000	Western XD	2035	0
	BANKS		
50-100	Baroda	110	0
25-50	Central India	47	4
500	Imperial	16 5	0
125-500	Imp. Conty.	385	0
50-100	India	141	0
100	Reserve Bank	104	0
5	Union	6 12	
	CEMENTS		
100	ASSOCIATED	163	0
	INSURANCE		
10-50	British India	13	0
100	Empire	770	0
15-100	Jupiter	17	0
20	Mercantile	68	0
15-75	New India	52	0
200	Oriental	4710	0
10-50	Vulcan	10	2
	ELECTRIC		
100	Ahmedabad Old	175	0
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1862	0
10	Ajmer	12	11
50	BOMBAY TRAM	148	0
100	Bombay Suburban XD	181	0
10	Broach	13	6
100	Karachi	217	0
100	Poona	220	0
100	Surat	187	0
100	TATA HYDRO	185	0
1000	TATA POWER	1650	0
	RAILWAYS		
500	Ahmedabad Prantij	877	0
100	C. Province	107	0
100	Dhond Baramati	104	4
100	Gujarat	65	0
100	Mandra Bhon	107	0
100	Pachora Jamner	93	0
100	Sara Sirajgani	107	0
500	Tapti Valley XD	633	0
	MININGS		
8sh	Burma Corp	3	6
8sh	Indian Copper	2	0
10	Indian Iron and Steel	30	2
30	SHIVRAJPUR	35	0
10	Mukund Iron XD	14	0
30	TATA STEEL DEF	17 0	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD	323	0
10	Steel Corporation	17	10
	MISCELLANEOUS		
100	ALCOCK	685	0
10	Air Services	3	14
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	284	0
20	Bombay Safe Dep.	650	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM XD	370	0
100	B Burma XD	360	0
50	Contry XD	127	0
8sh	Br. B Petrol	2 4	6
100	IND BLEACHING	192	0
50	Ind Invest Trust	50	0
100	Indian Radio Def.	660	0
100	Indian Radio Ord	630	0
100	Port Canning	90	0
30	PREMIER Con XD	116	0
15	Scindia	21	6
25	Tata Oil	56	0
20	Tata Chemical	16	4
100	Wimco	206	0
	PREFERENCE		
7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1560	0
6	p.c. Bombay Steam	325	0
5	p.c. Central India (TF) XD	631	0
7	p.c. Bom Tram (TF)	76	0
6 1/4	p.c. Prem Const 2nd	136	0
6 1/2	p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	139	0
7 1/2	p.c. Tata Power XD	1657	0
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	211	0
7	p.c Vishnu	746	0
	DEBENTURES		
3 3/4	p.c Andhra Valley Deb		
4	p.c. Bombay Telephone	86	4
5	p.c. Morarji	104	0
7	p.c. Sholapur	71	6
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	105	8

Cash quotations were as under:—
Bombay Dyeing 1185, Nagpur 355, Century 390, Colaba 180, Finlay 218, Gokak 255, Kohinoor 472, New Great 270, Simplex 185, Tata Steel Defd. 1660, Ordinary 317, Cement 159, Shivrajpur 30, Construction 109.

INDIAN COTTON CROP

Increase Of 4 Per Cent.

India's cotton crop for 1941/42 season is officially estimated at 5,490,000 bales of 400 lbs. each representing an increase of four per cent. over the previous season's crop. This is the first official estimate of the season's crop.

The forecast estimates the area under cotton at 22,269,000 acres, an increase of one per cent. over the figure issued on the corresponding date last year. This forecast relates generally to conditions up to the beginning of December and covers 95.3 per cent. of the area reported in the fifth forecast.

The following are the estimates of the area and the yield, classified according to trade descriptions, issued by the Director-General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics to-day:—

Trade descriptions.	Area in acres.	Yield in bls.
Bengals	2,815,000	939,000
Americans	2,670,000	1,244,000
Oomras	6,353,000	1,320,000
Broach	847,000	210,000
Surti	719,000	164,000
Dholleras	2,110,000	359,000
Others	6,805,000	1,254,000
TOTAL	22,269,000	5,490,000

Sales Of Treasury Bills

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Monday, the 22nd December 1941. Total amount offered was Rs. 1,24,25,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-12-3 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-12-0 allotted approximately 80 per cent. Total amount accepted was Rs. 1,00,00,000, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 1-0-0 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 6th January 1942. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 9th January 1942. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 19th December 1941, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 81,50,000 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Three months' Intermediates will be sold from 23rd December 1941 to 5th January 1942 at Rs. 99-12-3 subject to the conditions previously announced (viz. sales can be stopped at any time without previous notice if Government think it necessary).

Three months' Intermediates sold from 17th December 1941 to 20th December 1941 amounted to Rs. 1,92,50,000.

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COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.

MARCH
New York, December 22

Previous closing	16.92
To-day's opening	16.99
Difference	+07
To-day's closing	not received

BROACH EXPECTATION.

Broach April/May ..... not received

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, December 22

Following are the New York opening rates :—

New York cotton cable not received
March 16.99/99
May 17.14/14
July 17.16/17

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London, December 22

SEEDS

Castorseeds Dec/Jan (£20 3/4 sellers) £20 3/4 sellers
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta Dec/Jan (£20 3/4 sellers) £20 3/4 sellers
Linseed La Plata Dec/Jan (£15 3/8 sellers) £15 3/32 sellers
Groundnut Coromandal Coast Dec/Jan (£19 1/4 sellers) £19 3/8 sellers

JUTES

Dundee October/November unquoted
Lightning October/November unquoted

RUBBER

Spot unquoted
Forward December unquoted

LONDON METALS

Tin not quoted.
Electric Copper (£62) =62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 2 (131 sh.) 131 sh

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES.

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, December 22

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, December 22

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON GOLD
London, December 22

London Gold (£8/8/0, £8/8/0

LONDON SILVER
London, December 22

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil
Forward (23 9/16d) 23 9/16d nil

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36
London on Shanghai (0-2 27/32 (to 0-3 3/16) 2 27/32 to 0-3 3/16
London on Kobe not quoted

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 ... 1 1/16 per cent
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

BULLION AND SEEDS
Bombay, December 22

There was no trading during night session

New York Stock Exchange

New York, December 22

New York Stock Exchange opening prices :—

General Motors dol 29 7/8
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 26 3/8
United States Steel Common dol 51 1/4
United States Steel Preference unquoted.

3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, December 22

The Stock Exchange was very quiet. 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £98 3/4.

AUSTRALIAN LOANS
London, December 22

5 per cent 1958/68 £101 1/4

BRITISH FUNDS.

2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £81 3/16
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 5/16
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 1/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 3/8
New York Loan £101 3/16
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds £113 7/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 16-3 Ex. Div.
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 35-9
Electric Music Industry 13-9
Frinchin Johnson 21-4
Imperial Chemical 32-0
Woolsworth New Ordinary 57-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £71 1/2
Dundee 32-4
Unilever Ordinary 29-3
Ford Motors 24-4
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £66 3/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary £4 9/32
Cartreas 'A' £5 9/16
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 5/16
P and O Defd 27-1
Distillers 71-0
Areedfords Dye 8-0
British Celanese 6-0
J and P Coates 37-1
Courtauids Ordinary 33-4
Fine Cotton Spinners 5-7
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-6
Inter Nickel dol 40 1/4
Indian Iron 47-6

TEA SHARES

Assam 17-0
Donaro Tea 30-7
Empire of India 19-1

JUTE

Barnagore £9

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 14-3
Gula Kelampong 12-6
Rubber Plant Inv Trust 19-9

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 17-6
Burma Corporation 4-9
Rio Tintos £7
East Rand Properties £2 3/16
Rand Mines £7

MINE SHARES

Crown £10 3/8
Associated Portland Cement 48-9
Trinidad Leasehold 67-6
Sub Nigel £7 5/16
Spring Mines Split Shares £1 3/16
Union Corporation 156-3

OIL SHARES

Venezucia Persian 35-0
Anglo-India 44-4
Burma Oil £2 3/8
Mexican Eagle 10-4
Shell Transport £2 15/32
Royal Dutch £20

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £42 1/4
London Midand Ordinary £17 1/8
London North Eastern Defd £1 3/4
London Southern Defd £15
London Transport 5 per cent £126
London Transport £41

Kesar Sugar Works Declare 6 p. c. Dividend

The eighth ordinary general meeting, and the first and the second extra-ordinary general meetings of the Kesar Sugar Works, Limited, were held at the registered office, on Monday. Mr. Tulsidas Kilachand presided.

The Directors' Report, for the year ended 31st July 1941, was received and adopted. A dividend of 6 per cent, less tax, was declared.

At the extra-ordinary general meeting, a resolution in respect of changes of the articles of Association was duly received and adopted as a special resolution.

At the second extra-ordinary general meeting, special resolutions were also passed in respect of the increase of the capital of the company and the issue of the redeemable 5½ per cent cumulative first preference shares of series of "A".

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CRIES OF 'SHAME' GREET MAYOR

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.

Cries of shame, shame, greeted the Mayor (Mr. P. N. Brahma) at the close of the Corporation meeting this evening, from a section of the House.

The House was discussing the recommendation of the Services Standing Committee that Mr. M. U. Ahmed be appointed to act as Health Officer with effect from January 2 next for two months in the leave-vacancy of the permanent incumbent, Dr. S. N Ghose.

To this an amendment was moved that the question be referred back to the Services Committee by a number of Hindu councillors, who put forward the claim of Dr. J. P. Chowdhury on the ground of his seniority to Dr. Ahmed.

As the statutory period of the time limit was fast approaching, Syed Badrudduja first moved for the closure of the debate, which was overruled by the Mayor as Mr. M. M. Burman was speaking at the time. Syed Badrudduja then asked for extension of time by fifteen minutes to conclude the debate on the subject. This was opposed by a number of Hindu councillors, who pointed out that besides the difficulty owing to black-out, the debate could not be concluded in course of fifteen minutes.

At this stage the Mayor declared the meeting closed and this was the signal for the uproarious scenes that followed and as the Mayor left the chair there were cries of shame, shame from the Muslim section of the House. —A.P.

SHIPPING NEWS.

EXPORTS
Bombay, December 22

61 bales cotton pcegoods The Central Trading Co; 510 tons pig iron Tata Iron and Steel Co Ltd; 200 bags soap stone powder B Jain and Sons; 560 bags steatite powder Shaw Wallace and Co; 21 bales cotton pcegoods K Vishram and Sons; 10 bales cotton pcegoods Gokaldas and Sons; 28 bales cotton pcegoods S Mohanlal and Co; 18 bs cotton pcegoods Ebrahim Manji and Co; 26 bales cotton pcegoods G N Musrey; 55 bs cotton grey yarn Sapt Textile Products (India) Ltd; 10 cases art silk pcegoods Rashid Abdul Gafoor; 25 bales cotton pcegoods Sassoon S Rueben; 150 bales cotton waste clean C Jairam and Co; 23 bags talc B Jain and Sons; 3307 bags talc powder B Jain and Sons.

IMPORTS

54 cases cotton pcegoods; 118 cases gripe-water; 66 cases provision; 176 cases essences; 85 cases chloroform; 90 drums anticorrosive; 168 drums atifouling; 400 drums cement; 50 drums soda sulphite; 30 drums soda carbonate; 294 cases electrides; 180 cases soap; 114 cases carbolic soap; 48 pkgs fluid magnesia; 134 cases emulsion; 125 bundles bicycle rings; 224 bundles cycle rims; 35 cases waxed paper; 40 cases stirrup pumps; 100 cases saline; 51 cases c i gas meters; 113 cases cyder; 83 cases plaster of paris; 100 cases radios; 40 cases disft. fluid; 50 cases empty steel gas cylinders; 33 cases vermouth; 275 bags steel nails; 35 cases table salt; 251 cases boot cream; 37 bundles copper tubes; 119 pkgs chemicals (harmless etc.); 132 cases steel office furniture; 54 pkgs cycles and aces; 89 bales gummed paper sealing tape; 39 cases brushes; 753 pkgs toilet preps, soaps, hair cream etc; 80 drums soda sulphite; 286 bales corrugated strawboards; 50 cases "Odol" and advtg matter; 35 cases empty glass bottles; 31 casks lead acetate; 30 cases oakeys goods; 272 cases hydrogen peroxide; 89 pkgs cement water proofing; 64 pkgs synthetic resin cylinder; 250 cases fruit squash; 66 pkgs m/car parts and batteries; 200 bundles copper sheets; 32 cases lead plates; 2155 drms white cement; 52 drums coloured cement; 277 cases window glass; 70 trusses waterproof paper; 170 drums boat tapping composition; 60 cases zinc dust; 58 cases welders aces; 57 cases nets; 75 cases auto parts; 78 lee tyres; 36 cases copper boat nails, tracks and roses; 40 tubes wrought iron; 30 cases cloudy ammonia; 53 cases nickel copper sheets; 299 ctns fruit crush, lime juice and cordials etc; 329 cases writing paper; 1011 pkgs flattened cans; 100 kegs sodium hyposulphite; 37 cases safety razor, sets and blades; 371 cases wines; 143 cases beer; 300 cases vincarnis; 3339 cases gin; 595 cases whisky; 153 cases sherry; 99 bundles y m sheets; 95 bags emery powder; 123 pkgs copper wires; 150 cases brass wire; 437 cases boot polish; 65 cases pipe clay; 2694 bags whiting; 93 cyl antydrous ammonia gas; 140 bags glue; 60 trs picking bands; 278 bags scrap leather; 72 cases paper handkerchiefs; 400 bales wrapping paper; 44 casks dry cells; 49 cases steel rivets; 57 cases crown corks; 158 cases glassware; 118 cases radio receiver; 35 cts wireless receiving valves; 200 cases printing ink; 43 cases safety cartridges; 341 drums elect cable; 40 cases distemper powder; 380 cases cigarettes and advtg matter; 39 bundles helical springs; 33 casks lead pipe; 204 drums moulding powder; 76 rolls lead sheet; 273 cases boric acid; 550 pkgs borax; 80 tins marine flue; 52 cases cyder; 166 cases gummed paper; 120 bundles copper rods; 31 pkgs bronze rods; 60 drums sodium peroxide; 78 pkgs packings; 38 bales glass paper; 30 cases wln pcegoods; 55 cases paper; 62 bales printing paper; 112 pigs lead; 440 pkgs prtd books, stationary, book lists etc; 160 colls galvd wire short; 203 cases blue; 150 cases barley waters; 196 cases empty fire extinguisher; 31 rolls bicycle tyres; 48 cases sand paper; 156 bales toilet paper; 200 bags boiler lagging; 30 bags slag wool; 40 cases bicycle tubes; 351 cases elect goods, appliances etc; 2456 pkgs dyestuffs etc; 474 ctns elect bulbs; 416 pkgs machinery and parts; 509 pkgs photo material, x-ray films, chemicals etc; 1345 cases medicies, vaccines, feeding glass etc.

German Wife Of Indian Engineer Commits Suicide

BOMBAY, Monday.

How, to his horror, he discovered at 7-30 this morning the dead body of his 29-year-old German wife on the road three storeys below, was narrated by Mr. Nalini Gupta, a Mechanical Engineer, before the City Coroner to-day.

Mr. Gupta stated that while he was in the bathroom this morning, his young daughter came and called out "Papa, Papa, Mummy is jumping out of the window."

He rushed out from the bathroom to see the dead body of his wife three floors below, her head broken and the brains scattered on the ground.

Giving evidence Mr. Gupta said that eight years ago while in Germany he had married the girl Erik.

At the time of the incident she was living on the floor of Sunny House, Mereweather Road, Colaba. For the last month or so, she had been complaining of heart-trouble and a growth in her throat.

The inquest was postponed to January 3.

BOOZE BOUT IN COURT ROOM

The prisoner's Dock of the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court (Esplanade Police Court) was converted into a bar on Friday, when five prisoners in the Dock indulged in an orgy of drinking, sipping a pot containing a gallon of illicit liquor to the last drop.

This unusual incident took place while the court was sitting and the Court-room was crowded with members of the public. Police were on duty but strangely enough nobody noticed the "wet" party going on in the dock.

The accused were placed to-day before the Presidency Magistrate at the Esplanade Police Court, who directed them to be released on a bail of Rs. 100.

City Raid And Arrests

Two running stills, four big tins of fermented wash and some bottles of illicit liquor were seized by the police following a raid of a room in the Colaba section.

Alice Salvadore, Raymond Santan, William Laurence were arrested. The first accused, the police stated before the Additional Presidency Magistrate at the Esplanade Police Court sold a bottle of illicit liquor to a bogus customer. The room was then raided when the 2nd and 3rd accused were arrested on a charge of illicit liquor.

The Magistrate directed the accused to be released on bail.

Baroda Ruler's Servant Arrested On Theft Charge

Narayan Dadaji, a servant of the Maharaja of Baroda, was arrested by the Gamdevi Police on suspicion for alleged theft of property collectively valued at Rs. 310 consisting of a watch, a fountain pen and Rs. 200 in cash.

The accused was placed before Mr. K. J. Khambatta to-day, and was ordered to be remanded to custody, pending further inquiries and a search of the said Jayant, the alleged trespasser.

DEFENCE SERVICES EXHIBITION TRAIN

Bombay, December 22

The defence services exhibition train—a travelling demonstration of India's armed forces—will tour the Bombay Province from December 26 to January 8

CITY'S HEALTH RETURNS: The health returns of Bombay during the week ended 13th inst. were as under :—The total mortality 512 was 65 less than that of the last week and the death-rate registered was 17.9 on the Census population of 1941, which compares favourably with that for the 50th week of 1940, viz: 524 and the death-rate 23.5. The average mortality for the corresponding weeks during the preceding quinquennium was 572 and the death-rate 25.6.

CHRISTMAS MEETING 5TH DAY

Handicaps For Wednesday's Races

The following are the handicaps for the Fifth Day of the Bombay Christmas Meeting, to be held on Wednesday, December 24 :

THE AGA SHAMSHUDDIN PLATE—Distance 5 furlongs

Moot Law 9-4; Old Reliance 9-0; Scotland for Ever 8-13; Chanak 8-11; Vesperian 8-9; Cillas 8-6; Golden Tiger 8-4; Dancing Comet 8-2; El Morocco 8-2; Don't Shoot 8-0; Hot Bun II 8-0; Epilobeum (late Epilobe) 7-11 and Great Divide 7-7.

THE KEMPTON PARK PLATE—Distance 1 mile, 1 furlong.

Hot Bun II 9-0; Shalivahan 9-0; Glory of Kolhapur 8-11; Cockpit 8-9; Furore 8-9; Moradabad 8-7; Cobalt 8-7; Neocell 8-5; Doctrine 8-2; Torch Royal 8-0; Golden Arrow 8-0; Cavalier 7-9 and Houdini 7-9.

THE QUEENSLAND PLATE—Distance 6 furlongs.

Marcheux 9-4; Fortunate Lad 9-2; Gipsy Girl 9-2; Jai-Vilias (late Dashing White Sergeant) 9-0; Kight Bet 9-0; Snow White 8-11; Paprika 8-11; Blackboard 8-10; Meghi-Doot (late Port Officer) 8-10; Spun Glass 8-9; Misty Island 8-9; Lovely Maid 8-8; Ginger Boy 8-8; Little Tim 8-7; Roopkumari (late Parkside) 8-7; Charity 8-3; Albertine 8-2; Chitor 8-2; Holly Gart 8-2; Gone with the Wind 8-2; Autumn Lady 8-0; So That's That 7-7; Fairhurst 7-11; Apsapi 7-11; Tipperary 7-7; Sharda 7-7 and Marina 7-7

THE DECEMBER HANDICAP. Division I—Distance 6 furlongs.

Haut Ton 9-4; Brother Scribe 9-4; Beau Geste 9-4; Katipo 9-1; Ratifer 8-13; Silk Apron 8-13; Faiz 8-4; Tiger Kid 8-3; Advance 8-3; Wonderful 8-3; Prince Winooka 8-2; Tregenna 8-2; Floataloan 8-0; Suryakumar 7-13; Loveable 7-11; Bon Souvenir 7-9; Princess Best 7-4 and How's That 7-4.

THE DECEMBER HANDICAP. Division II—Distance 6 furlongs.

Mornas 9-4; Another Devil 9-4; Miss Vesington 9-0; Shashikant (late Pure Fun) 8-11; Oil Can 8-9; Cessation 8-9; Lord Clarion 8-6; Panna Prince 8-4; Honor M. 8-2; Bornegatt 8-2; A La Grande 8-2; Kamala 8-0; Chowrangi 8-0; Royal Talent 8-0; Lidsdown 8-0; Alan-a-Dale 7-9; Not Out 7-9 and Star Act 7-7.

THE BARODA CUP.—Distance 1 mile.

Fabie 9-13; Vandyke 9-11; Shermount 9-2; Oliver 9-2; Orange Flower 8-2; Mahboob 8-11; Solomon 8-11; Turf King 8-9; Double Oak 8-6; Black Magic 8-4; Bell Boy 8-4; Lakhpat 8-2; Shahenshah 7-9; Royal Sceptre 7-9; Red Flower 7-7; Fairy Queen 7-7; Prominent 7-7 and Ishtay 7-7.

THE PUNJAB PLATE.—Distance 1 mile.

Sunny Dan 9-7; Carlyon 9-2; Dry Sherry 9-0; Tyrian Queen 9-0; King's Wine 9-0; Rosetta 8-13; Hectic 8-12; Bay Nazir 8-9; Trusty 8-9; Pierre 8-9; Tap Dance 8-5; Liberty 8-5; Flower of Gwalior 8-5; Mahboob's Choice 8-2; Khar 8-2; Baltoi 8-2; What's Yours 8-2; Money Gold 8-0; Eminent 8-0; Finis 7-12; Steel Blue 7-12; Falcon 7-12; Scottish Star 7-12; Mohammala 7-11; Humpty Dumpty 7-11; Queen of Sheeba 7-9; First Choice 7-9; Tyranny 7-9; Pashwanji 7-9; Pratap 7-9; Masked Raider 7-7; Rose of Baroda 7-7; Sit Fast 7-5; Gay Monarch 7-5; Dimples 7-5 and Farida 7-5.

THE SION PLATE. Division I.—Distance 1 mile.

Seventh Heaven 11-0; Chief Ruler 9-3; Faruq Pasha 9-0; Pushpamala 9-0; Assaf Mahmud 8-13; Dahman Kamzi 8-10; Royal Oak (late Nissar al Dhahabi) 8-8; Hikmat Pasha 8-7; Apinkya Tara 8-6; Shayal Nayif 8-5; Taj Mahal 8-3; Gold Deposit 8-2; Fadhli Minshad 8-2; Bannah Amer 8-2; Vasant Kumari 8-0; Dahman Suri 8-0; Akhu Amin 8-0; Four Aces 8-0; Lion of Lanka 7-11; Gazal 7-10; Sanjakdar (late Justice in Iraq) 7-10; Tiger King 7-9; Royal Rival 7-7 and Dahman Fadhil 7-4

THE SION PLATE. Division II.—Distance 1 mile.

Snapper 9-4; Tamim al Khair 9-3; Can You 9-3; Maharani's Choice (late Maharaja Choice in Iraq) 9-2; Mikhlif Jabir 9-1; Subhi Jazira 8-13; Nassar 8-9; Gaurishanker 8-8; Nalini II 8-8; Astafer Allah 8-7; Metro 8-6; Legion II 8-6; Rahimatullah (late Banabakh) 8-5; Prince Mahmud 8-5; Ushama 8-5; Great Star 8-4; Amal al Shabab 8-4; Bon Amis 8-4; Muwaffaq al Ilah 8-3; Lu'ayb 8-2; Star Brilliant 8-2; Fadilhat al Ga.b (late Hiramat Majid) 8-2; Ubayan Hadi 8-2; Amir al Liwa'a 8-2; Zahir 8-0; Poker Face (late Alam al Arab) 8-0; Kaid Saoud 8-0; Zamil al Iraq 7-13; Ghussun al Ilah 7-13; Saif Bahadur 7-13; Faraj Allah 7-12; Taj Subhan 7-11; Star of Kashmir 7-11; Mandub al Sharq 7-11; Anwat Dahman 7-11 and Dalli al Iraq 7-9.

HOSPITAL RACE DAY.

A special Race Day, in aid of the Funds for Hospitals in Bombay and Poona, will be held on Saturday, February 14.

FAMOUS JOCKEY DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The famous old-time jockey, Fred Rickaby, has died at Hove (Sussex) at the age of 72.—Reuter.

MYSORE MEETS MADRAS

BANGALORE, Dec. 22.

The match between Madras and Mysore in the Inter-University Cricket Tournament for Rohinton Baria Trophy commenced this morning on the Central College grounds.

Madras won the toss and electing to bat were all out for 165 runs. S. Ramarao for Mysore bagged five Madras wickets.

At close of play Mysore had 92 for four wickets, M. K. Narayan Iyengar batting 52.—A. P.

A.-I. Tennis Association

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.

The Honorary Secretary of the All-India Lawn Tennis Association informs the "Associated Press" that the annual general meeting of the Association, which had been called for December 28 in Calcutta, has been cancelled. The meeting will probably be held during the All-India Championships at Lahore.—Reuter.

Textile Supplies To Govt.

BOMBAY, Dec. 22.

The series of discussions between the Government and representatives of the Cotton Industry were continued on December 20 and 22 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ghulam Mahomed, Additional Secretary to the Department of supply.

During these two days agreements were made covering supplies of yarns and sewing threads to Government for the duration of the war. The agreements were complementary to those made with the weaving mills for supplies of cloth.—A.P.

Demand For Reduction Of Fees

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 22.

Reduction of fees by 33 per cent, abolition of fines and corporal punishments, increase in the number of amount of scholarships and the opening of more technical institutions were among the demands made by the Bombay Presidency Students' Conference which concluded to-day.

It also passed a resolution urging the youth and the people of India to aid Soviet Russia, the land of Socialism, which was fighting with such ardour and bravery as was never known before.—A.P.

The Pentangular

Muslims Overwhelmed In Second Semi-Final

VIJAY MERCHANT SET UP NEW BATTING RECORD OF 243 RUNS

BY J. C. MAITRA.

The Muslims, who had won the Pentangular Cricket Championship last year in the absence of the Hindus were eliminated by them in the second semi-final of the tournament last week-end. As I had remarked before, the holders were woefully weak in their bowling department. The absence of Mohamed Nissar, Amir Elahi and others made a tremendous difference to their attacking strength—a fact which a batsman of the calibre of Vijay Merchant was not likely to overlook. And the Hindu skipper—Vijay captained the team in the absence of Jai—exploited the situation to the utmost limits. Steadily he eclipsed record after record—196 put on by the Ali brothers, Wazir and Nazir, and 200 by A. L. Hosie—and finally the highest of 241 established by L. Amarnath in 1938. At 243 he applied closure and unlike the other batsmen carried his bat home unbeaten. It is unquestionably a great achievement for Merchant for which he deserves high praise.

VIJAY MERCHANT'S RECORD

A. A. Peerbhoy, a newcome to the festival, had raised great hopes of a cheap dismissal of the Hindus by capturing the first three wickets for 20 runs only. The total was then 99. But all their rosy pictures were smashed to pieces by Vijay Merchant and H. R. Adhikari who treated all the Muslim bowlers with scant respect. S. M. Kadri, the Muslim skipper, was hard put to it to find a bowler to break up the partnership and to check the rising mass of scores. Almost every one, barring the wicket-keeper tried a hand without any avail. After the third new ball came, Hakim succeeded in dissolving the terrible partnership at 404. Adhikari was singularly unlucky to lose his wicket when he was 12 runs short of the coveted century. The Hindu might have piled a colossal figure if they had so chosen. But considering 443 a safe total Vijay applied closure with 5 wickets down.

SOME CREDITABLE PERFORMANCES

The Muslims were faced with a big task. In the absence of the flashy blade of Syed Mushtaq Ali, their opening batsmen were in a quandary. The first four wickets were lost for 78 only on the board. By this time all their hopes of a creditable fight was shattered. Thanks to the praiseworthy efforts of Gul Mohamed and Sayeed Ahmed who scored 101 and 67 not out respectively, the Muslims were able to make a somewhat decent total. Had not the last four batsmen succumbed cheaply—within 30 runs, the Muslim total might have presented a more attractive figure and reduced the large arrears of 173 runs to a considerable extent. C. S. Nayudu claimed 5 wickets for 116 runs and K. M. Jadhav 3 for 43.

CHANCES IN THE FINAL

The issue of the match being decided, Merchant wisely decided to take batting again, instead of enforcing follow-on. Had he chosen the latter course, it would have needlessly tired the bowlers and the fielders. The second venture on the other hand gave Hindlekar, who has not been batting very successfully of late, the chance of hitting up a fine 91. Pity that he missed the century so narrowly. C. T. Saravate collected an enterprising 51 and retired. With the Muslim bowlers completely under control, the Hindu batsmen did almost what they liked.

The winners will now meet the Parsis in the final to-day. While Jai will be able to lead the side, they will be deprived of the services of C. S. Nayudu and H. R. Adhikari, who are going to Madras to participate in a charity match there. This will mean a distinct loss to the Hindus. It is understood that Girdharilal, a slow spinner from Sind, will take the place of Nayudu. Accustomed as he is matting-wicket it remains to be seen how far he is successful on this. The Parsis have also made a couple of changes in their last team. It is however doubtful if they will be able to overpower the Hindus who appear to be stronger in every department of the game.

"Harvest Feast" Wins £4,000 Summer Handicap

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 22.

The £4,000 Summer Handicap was won over ten furlongs by HARVEST FEAST by a length and three-quarters from DANGER ZONE with THERMOS half a length away third.

HARVEST FEAST raced successfully in Ireland last season Irish S. Leger being among its victories. HARVEST FEAST is by the Derby winner TRIGO out of SOLAR, and now is a four-year-old.

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Muslim: Zilkad 4, 1360
Parsi: Tir 20, 1311
Sunrise: 7h. 8m.
Sunset: 6h. 7m.
Hightide 3-18, 15-34
Lowtide: 9-34, 21-09

POSTAL NOTICE: Thursday, 25th, Monday, 29th December, 1941 and Thursday, 1st January, 1942 will be Post and Telegraph holidays on account of Xmas, Id-Uzuha (Bakri-Id) and New Year respectively. All the Departments of the Bombay G.P.O. and the Town Sub-Offices including the Telegraph branches of the Combined Offices will observe on that day the same working hours as on Sundays.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: Telegrams in plain English or French are allowed to and from United States of America, Colombia, Guatemala, Honduras, Republica Nicaragua, Salvador, and Haiti only.

Telegrams to and from Costa Rica, Cuba, Bovilia and Dominican Republic are allowed in plain English language only.

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Full address and signature of the sender is required. Code language is not allowed except in Government telegrams.

With immediate effect acceptance of geetings telegrams at reduced rates is suspended.

Owing to heavy congestion, all inland telegrams are subject to very heavy delay, which may amount to more than two days. Public are therefore advised for the present in their own interest to avoid sending telegrams as much as possible and to use postal services, whenever that will serve the purpose.

BOMBAY SINDHI ASSOCIATION: The Managing Committee of the Bombay Sindhi Association will meet to-day (Tuesday) at 6-30 p.m. in Association Office Court House, Dhobi Talao, to consider the important proposal of opening a Maternity Home and Hospital for Sindhis in Bombay.

FOOTWEAR SALESMEN'S MEETING: A general meeting of the Bombay Footwear Salesmen's Union, will be held to-day (Tuesday) at 9-30 p.m. at Mantri House, French Bridge.

ENTERTAINMENT AT BANDRA: The members of the Coiwai Musical and Dramatic Union will hold their 28th annual concert on Christmas Day at 8 p.m. on St. Stanislaus School ground. Mr. R. D. Mody, B. Ag. First Class City Magistrate of Bandra will preside.

SOUTH INDIAN WELFARE ASSOCIATION, WORLI: At an informal meeting of the Keraliya, Karnataki, Tamilian and Andhra residents of Worli, held on Sunday at the Worli Welfare Centre, Mr. Ram Iyer presiding, the South Indian Welfare Association has been formed.

"MESSAGES FROM INDIAN TRAINEES IN ENGLAND": On 23rd December at 8-45 p.m. All-India Radio, Bombay will broadcast on both 244 and 89.15 metres an electric recording of an interesting feature of the B.B.C. Hindustani Programme namely 'The personal messages the Indian Trainees sent to England under the Ministry Labour Scheme.'

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS: The Governor of Bombay presided at a meeting Government House on Monday. Lady of the Defend India Week Committee at Lumley visited the Christmas Party at the Hospitality Committee's Main Canteen on Monday.

"MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE": A third Religious Lecture in the series jointly arranged by the Young Men's Hindu Association, the Muslim Students' Union, the Young Men's Parsi Association and the Young Men's Christian Association, will be given at the Bowen Memorial Hall, Student Y.M.C.A., Lamington Road, to-day (Tuesday) at 6-15 p.m.

Subject: "The Message of the Bible."
Speaker: The Right Reverend Bishop J. W. Pickett.
Chairman: Professor P. A. Wadia.

BALKAN-JI-BARI: Children's party will leave for Sind to-day (Tuesday) by the Gujarat Mail. All are expected to be at the Bombay Central Station with their luggage and in uniform at 8 p.m.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

BROADWAY—"The Court Dancer" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m
CAPITOL—"Escape" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Moon Over Miami" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Mata Hari" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—Uday Shankar. To-day at 5-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Our Wife" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Circus Queen" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m
PATHE—"Nai Roshni" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Anjan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Sangam" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Gharki Laj" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Dhandora" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Sant Sakhu" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"South of Pago Pago" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Swami" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"That Night In Rio" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Sajjan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Adhikar" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Bandhan" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
APOLLO—"Terry and the Pirates" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Tuisi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Payachi Dasi" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.

ARYAN EDUCATION SOCIETY'S ANNUAL DAY

Seth Govindramji Sekhsaria, who presided over the prize distribution ceremony of the Aryan Education Society's High School for this year paid glowing tribute to the Society's work in the field of religious and moral instruction and the Marathi language and donated Rs. 1,000 towards the establishment of prizes for proficiency in games and physical culture.

The Rt. Hon. M. R. Jayakar who introduced the President and who is one of the founders of the Society spoke of his interest in education and his eminent position at Jaipur Durbar.

Dr. K. S. Bhaskar briefly spoke of the Society's work during the last forty years. Prizes were then distributed to students of the school for proficiency in studies and games at the hands of the president. Principal V. K. Kale thanked the President and the guests.

Seth Govindramji Sekhsaria At Women's University

Shrimati Nathibai Damodar Thakersee Indian Women's Univesity College was visited by Seth Govindramji Sekhsaria on Monday afternoon, when Lady Premlila Thakersee, Sjt. Keshavprasad Desai, Miss Anklesaria, Principal of the College, Miss Laxmiben Merchant and others received him at the College premises.

Seth Govindramji was expiained the working of the College by Lady Thakersee and was taken to different classes of the College.

Seth Govindramji, was satisfied with the methods of women's education and was much impressed with the 'progress of this women's university.

Protest Against Lathi-Charge On Students

A well attended meeting of the students and citizens of Bombay was held at Chowpatty on Monday evening, to protest against lathi charge by the police on the student picketers at the Brabourne Stadium. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Abidally Jafferbhoy.

Mr. Abidally condemned the misuse of Civic Guards for assaulting innocent boys and citizens.

Mr. Dhirubhai Desai emphasised the urgent need of continuing the agitation against communalism in sports.

Mr. Ashok Mehta said that the public should look to the Congress for correct lead in this crisis.

A resolution was passed condemning the lathi charge made on innocent citizens and students and protesting against the misuse of Civic Guards for assaulting them.

A.-I. T.U.C. Session

BOMBAY, Dec. 22.

The 19th session of the All-India Trade Union Congress will be held in Calcutta on January 3 and 4. The Working Committee will meet on January 1, and the General Council on January 2 and the open session will commence on January 3 at 3-30 p.m.—A. P.

NANAVATI'S OIL PAINTING UNVEILED

At a well-attended meeting of the students and citizens of Vile Parle, held under the auspices of Shreemati Gokalibai Punamchand High School on Sunday, the 21st instant under the presidentship of Sjt. Nagindas T. Master, Vice-President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, an oil paint photo of the late Mr. Chandulal B. Nanavati, brother of Sjt. Manilal B. Nanavati, Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, and a nationalist-minded commercial magnate of Bombay, was declared unveiled.

Prominent amongst those present were: Sjts. Manilal Nanavati, Gokulbhai Bhatt, J. J. Kapadia and others.

Sjt. N. T. Master in unveiling the oil paint eulogised the services and donations made by the deceased and paid tribute to his memory.

After the speech was over, physical demonstrations and feats were displayed by the pupils of the school.

The function was over after 'Vande Mataram' was sung.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

"To-day we should not believe that we are not capable of doing any thing" said Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, at the Physical Culture Demonstration held on Sunday evening by the Mahar Community of Bandra, members of the Subedar Majar Ambedkar Gymnasium at Turner Road, Bandra. Over 1,000 people were present.

Dr. Ambedkar, expressed great delight at the way the members of the Gymnasium went through their long programme of physical feats. He urged the organisers of this Gymnasium to carry on their good work and felt confident that they would be of valuable service in the military.

"The Gymnasium, he continued, had two important difficulties, land, and money, but he said the Municipality that was already rendering help to four such institutions in its area would surely not hesitate to give it every support.

He continued "the Bandra Municipality has already started the building of a separated colony for our people and when this is completed every one of you can live in there. There will be a school to educate your children, library, Gymnasium, etc."

M. Madhev Jadev, one of the organisers on behalf of the Gymnasium thanked Dr. Ambedkar. He paid special tribute to the members of the Bandra Municipal Board, especially Dr. Sonawalla who had sacrificed a lot of his time to make this function a success.

The programme opened with a lazem drill by the junior of the Gymnasium followed by weight lifting feats. Professor Sarkary and his pupils gave a grand display, the muscle control being very impressive.

Among the guests present were: Professor V. G. Rao of Khar, Mr. Dhamdhere, Resident First Class Magistrate, Bandra, Mr. Naik, V. H. Mehta and Mr. Arolkar, Municipal Councillors and Dr. Sonawalla, Health Officer, Bandra Municipality.

On The Air

TUESDAY, DEC. 23.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops in the Far East. 5 Bhajans. 5-10 Munni. 5-30 Nisar Ahmad Khan. 5-50 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 6-15 Zora Nazneen. 6-30 Jawab Men. 6-45 For the Villagers only. 7-45 It has happened, or Bhopali on Sarangi. 7-50 Jang ki Aif Laila: Crimea: Feature in Hindustani. 8-10 Bhajans. 8-15 Zohra Nazneen. 8-30 Nisar Ahmad Khan. 8-45 Munni. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Mashuq Ali Khan. 9-55 Listening Post relayed from B B C. 10 Malkauns on Clarionet. 10-10 Zohra Nazneen. 10-25 Nisar Ahmad Khan.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Flute recital. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 Saraswati Mane. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Jafar Qawwal. 9-25 Master Pendharkar. 9-35 B. R. Deodhar. 12-30 p.m. Sindhi songs. 12-45 Marathi songs. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Gujarati songs. 1-15 Hindustani songs. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music. 5 Tomorrow. 5-5 Radha Bai Rao. 5-15 Jafar Qawwal. 5-30 D. N. Nadkarni. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Master Pendharkar. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 M. Deshpande: Readings from Marathi books. 6-20 Local news and announcements in English. 6-25 Same in Hindustani. 6-30 Children's half hour in Gujarati. 7 Under the Nazi Heel: France: Talk. 7-15 Master Pendharkar. 7-25 Saraswati Mane. 7-45 News commentary in Gujarati. 7-50 Jaltarang solo. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 The Panther of Palasgad: Short story. 8-45 As a quarter to..... 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 Chamber music.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Flute recital. 8-15 Nisar Ahmad. 8-25 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Jogia on Dilruba. 9 D. N. Nadkarni. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1. 12-30 to 2-25 As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 to 6 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 6 Narottam Das: Sarangi. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 B. R. Deodhar. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 A I R Orchestra. 9-15 Saraswati Mane. 9-45 Jafar Qawwal. 10 Gujarati geets. 10-15 B. R. Deodhar.

PENTANGULAR ON A.I.R.

Bombay, December 22

The All-India Radio, Bombay, will broadcast a resume on the finals of the Pentangular matches at 7-60 p.m. on both wavelengths.—A.P.

"Savitri" In Tamil

The story of 'Savitri' is very well-known all over India. Its Tamil filmic version will be shown at Broadway Talkies, Dadar, on December 24, 25 and 26 Shanta Apte has taken in it the role of Savitri, while Satyavan is acted by Y. V. Rao and Narad by M. S. Subbulaxmi.

"Hussein Day" Essay Competition

The Hussein Day Committee, Bombay, Ismail Building, Flora Fountain, Bombay, invites essays from College students on "The Message of Hussein to the Modern World" before 15th January, 1942. The essay has to be in English and of about 3,000 words. The prizes will be: First prize Rs. 250, second prize Rs. 100, third prize Rs. 50, fouth prize Rs. 25 and six consolation prizes of Rs. 12 each. Other particulars can be had of the Committee. The competition is not confined to Muslims.

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HITLER ASSUMES COMMAND

A Dictator,, if he so chooses, can appoint himself to any post. It caused little surprise, therefore, when some years ago Hitler appointed himself the Supreme Commander of all the armed forces in the Reich. The 'auto-appointment' was taken to be merely a whim to satisfy personal vanity. The real work of military, naval and air force organization was carried on by the three respective chiefs. The General Staff continued to be in *de facto* command. Hitler reigned over the army but did not actually rule it. His latest act in taking over the command of the army from Field Marshal Von Brauchitsch, however, has an entirely different significance. It is at once an insult to the military commanders of Germany and a vainglorious and presumptuous confidence in his own knowledge of strategy and powers of military leadership. Even more than that, it is an open confession of the complete failure of Nazi plans in Russia.

Scape-goats

Like the gang leader that he is, by one stroke Hitler has placed the entire blame of the Russian debacle upon the shoulders of the three military leaders —Field Marshal Von Brauchitsch, Bock and Keitel—while the real fact is that Hitler alone was responsible for starting the campaign. The German War Office never doubted the Russians' powers of resistance and at least one of them, Bock, had warned Hitler against the perils of the Russian winter. As cold-blooded strategists, they did not expect any miracles. But Hitler, advised by those who were lesser soldiers but greater flatterers and swept on the wave of his easy triumph over the small and insignificant countries of central Europe, was over-confident, hoping to be in Moscow before the start of winter. The Russians shattered his complacency as well as his "Panzer" divisions and now the Fuehrer must find scape-goats to restore his prestige. That is the only explanation of the disgrace of Germany's three commanders within a single week.

The Beginning Of The End

There can be no manner of doubt that, for some time at least, Hitler can carry on without the help and advice of his commanders. The younger men and officers of the army and, more particularly, of the air force, have a fanatical faith in the Fuehrer; They have been brought up on the slogans of the party and not in the traditions of the army. The main bulk of the German force is still intact and with it, Hitler can yet spring a surprise or two, even though at the moment he is baulked by the combination of Russian winter and Russian morale. But when the war is over, this moment will perhaps be remembered as the beginning of the rot that must inevitably bring about the doom of the Nazi military power. The army commanders are not liable to forget—and forgive!—their disgrace very easily. To-day they are helpless against the God-like omnipotence of the Fuehrer but they will bide their time for an opportune moment. When that moment will come depends upon how long the Nazi resources can last. There are signs of distress, no doubt. Warm clothing for soldiers is being collected from door to door in German cities. But one has to guard against over-optimism. The rift with the military leaders has confirmed the inevitability of Hitler's collapse but let no one think that that collapse has already come or even that it is imminent.

Rural Medical Relief

The Bombay Provincial Conference of the All-India Medical Licentiates' Association, held at Ahmedabad during the week-end, and several other recent medical conferences have directly or indirectly brought to the fore the problem of medical relief and sanitation in rural areas. This problem has not so far received adequate attention from Government and local bodies and it seems too vast to be appreciably tackled by private bodies. Its importance is doubtless well realised by most individuals and bodies actively interested in rural reconstruction. In his just published pamphlet on "Constructive Programme, Its Meaning and Place", Gandhiji lays much stress on Village Sanitation and Education in Health and Hygiene as two of the thirteen items which he includes in the Programme. If he does not expressly mention medical relief it is probably because he feels that the necessarily limited resources of the Congress organisations to whom the Programme is primarily commended are best concentrated on preventive measures like sanitation and education in health and hygiene. This is a sound view, it being assumed that those who undertake rural uplift in general do not entirely neglect medical relief.

The question of rural medical relief and sanitation is largely one of cost. Both Government and local bodies fight shy of any extensive programmes on this account. Referring to malaria control in rural areas, the recently published All-India Public Health Report for the year 1940 says that "malaria is largely a rural problem in India and that the people of these areas are so poor that they cannot afford to pay for any costly measures of malaria control." It is a wrong and mischievous suggestion that the necessary measures for preserving the lives and health of our agricultural producers should be withheld from them if they are unable to pay their cost. The towns and cities served by them should bear a good part of the cost. Let it not be forgotten that if for want of hygienic conditions in rural areas epidemics break out there they will not step there but spread to the adjoining towns. At least considerations of enlightened self-interest should induce Local Boards and Government to pay the cost of public health from the public exchequer.

Most Provincial Governments and Local Boards accept this principle in theory but never the-less fail to make adequate provision for rural medical relief. The number of free public dispensaries is extremely small in rural areas and only a few qualified doctors care to practise there. In several provinces experiments are being made with travelling dispensaries and subsidised touring practitioners. But in many places they are make-believe make-shifts. Subsidising practitioners is a good plan but it should be adopted on a wide scale in addition to increasing the number of free public dispensaries and maternity homes in rural areas. In this connection the question of training a sufficient number of physicians and surgeons on modern lines is all-important. The number of medical schools and colleges working on these lines is extremely small in the country and numerous students' though well qualified, fail to get admission to these institutions. Every attempt should, therefore, be made to increase the number of institutions. That is not all. The cost of training, which is now extremely high, should be considerably reduced. Otherwise the students who pay the high cost will be most reluctant to practise in rural areas with poor material prospects.

Several licentiates' conferences have suggested that the licentiates' course, which, in Bombay, is now only six months shorter than that for graduates should be completely abolished as invidious distinctions are being made at the expense of the licentiates. All unfair discrimination must, of couse, be stopped and licentiates should not be branded as inferior *as a class*, irrespective of individual merit. Nor is there any harm in abolishing the present licentiates' course if the medical institutions where it is provided are converted into colleges, as has been done in Madras. But to close down any of these will be a most reactionary step so long as any class of students needs them. Indeed, as suggested above, we want more medical institutions providing more or less advanced courses. In his presidential speech at the Ahmedabad Conference Dr. U. B. Narayan Rao, while suggesting the abolition of the Bombay L. C. P. S. course, remarked: "The National Medical College and Miraj Medical School shall have to come up to the University standard or close down." "Woodman, spare the tree". Both these institutions have rendered and are rendering beneficent service. Merely because they may not be able to raise enough funds to rise to the University standard, they should not be closed down. Every possible attempt should, of course, be made to bring them up to the University standard. Government and the public should help them in this respect. But till the higher standard is reached the institutions must continue to serve the public in their present status.

Frankly Speaking

No Longer "Thai"!

As was only to be expected, Thailand has been forced to walk into the Axis parlour. By the ten-year "treaty of alliance" signed in Bangkok Thailand in effect agrees to assist Japan by military, political and economic means against the Allies and formally throws in her lot with the Axis powers. Thailand is no longer "Thai" (which means "Free") and has accepted a position of subservience to Japan. This is the logical sequel to the recent course of events and will surprise none. But it brings to an end the hypocritical position which Thailand had created—perhaps at Japan's orders—by making a pretence of continued friendly relations with Britain. Thailand, possibly against her wishes, becomes a lackey of the aggressors and, therefore, cannot complain if the Allies now treat her as an enemy country.

Defenders Of Hong Kong

Against the background of easy success that Japan has been able to score in the Far East, the defence of Hong Kong stands out as an undoubted achievement. Since the evacuation of Kowloon, the island of Hong Kong has been in a state of siege. From the mainland, Japanese batteries have been shelling the overpopulated city. From the air Japanese aeroplanes have been bombing it. Under cover of this double fire, the Japanese have been able to land parties of armed men on the island proper. The enemy is at the moment engaged in hand-to-hand fight in parts of the city. But the defenders of the island continue to fight grimly and resolutely and vigorous counter-measures are being taken against the landing parties.

The Ideal In History

In his presidential address at the fifth session of the Indian History Congress Prof. C. S. Srinivasachari did well to emphasise the point that in the writing and teaching of history truth and truth alone should be aimed at, both in the presentation of facts and in their interpretation. Propaganda in its vulgar sense must be shunned as poison, as it tends to destroy one's regard for truth, apart from its other evils. If there must be propaganda at all, it must be propaganda for truth, the whole truth and nothing but truth, however unpleasant it may be to any section of humanity. Sometimes a little bias may be inevitable. But writers and teachers should at least state all necessary facts without any conscious attempt at "suppressio veri, suggestio falsi", whatever comments they may make thereon later. Those who twist facts will sooner or later be found out and discredited. But the injury they do to their own minds and to the minds of many others may be permanent.

A Commendable Venture

The Indian History Congress deserves to be congratulated on its scheme of a comprehensive history of India to be written on scientific lines. The scholarship, talent and other resources available to the Congress hold out high promise. There are, we believe, two other bodies who have undertaken similar schemes. Due co-ordination among these should be attempted. But two or more sets of standard volumes on Indian history will not be without their use in bringing to light fresh material and emphasising different standpoints. What matters most is that the writers should, in the words of the President, "be guided by large ideas and generous principles and not moved by narrow and particularistic impulses." It will be well for the Congress to publish a full prospectus of its scheme. We feel confident that such work by well-known historians will not be delayed for lack of funds.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Legal steps are those leading to a lawyer's office.

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A woman may be beaten, but she rarely acknowledges it.

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Praise men and flatter women and you will have many friends.

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You may as well tell your wife the truth; she'll find it out anyway.

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It's easy to be content with what we have; it's what we haven't that worries us.

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Some real-estate dealers waste a lot of valuable time in trying to make mountains out of molehills.

TRUTH

"Truth is the cry of all, but the game of a few".

BERKELEY, *SIRIS*

VICEROY TURNS DOWN INDIAN MEMBERS' PROPOSAL

SUGGESTION TO CONVENE SPECIAL SESSION OF ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS WAR SITUATION NOT HEEDED

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, Dec 18.

It has been a week of keen political interest accentuated no doubt by the sudden developments in the Far East. It is fairly common knowledge that the Viceroy fully consulted the Indian Members of his Council in preparing his address of Monday last at Calcutta. It was at their instance presumably that His Excellency made his appeal for unity, political and communal, to the country, but the portion of his speech which has attracted the greatest interest in political circles is his reference to the possibility of Ministerial Governments again in the Provinces which are now governed by Official Advisers. To the new Indian Members of Government it is of the greatest value to have powerful Ministries in the Provinces to back them up in their present efforts, for, as is well known, it is the opposition of certain Adviser-ridden Provincial Governments which has been responsible for the delay in the announcement of the release of political prisoners and the tardy manner in which is being effect to.

The new Indian Members appear to be throwing the whole weight of their influence for securing the resumption of parliamentary government in the provinces, but for the present they are awaiting the outcome of the meetings of the Congress Working Committee and the Muslim League's Working Committee. An important meeting of the Viceroy's Council is expected to be held in Calcutta on the 3rd January when the question of further political measures is expected to be considered in the light of the decisions taken by the Congress and the Muslim League. As regards the coming discussions at Bardoli, the hope of the Indian Members seems to be, as Mr. Aney said in a Karachi interview, "eleventh hour developments would yet change the situation."

OFFICIAL REACTIONS.

Naturally the public statement made by Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar at Lucknow has been welcomed by the new Indian Members. In a statement to the Press Dr. E. Raghavendra Rao—incidentally it may be mentioned that he was the only Member of Government who agreed to make a public statement—said "If he (Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar) is able to persuade the Congress to accept his view, every other party should assist in the formation of a National Coalition Government. I see no objection to Congressmen being re-offered opportunity to enter the Executive Council of the Viceroy and to have a share as influential partners in the Government of the country."

The question is whether the British Government is prepared to accept the principle of a National Coalition Government. News from London shows that British Labour circles are bringing considerable pressure on the Churchill Cabinet for securing a change of policy in India. Only time will show how far they will succeed in their efforts, but in the meantime there has been undoubtedly a good deal of disappointment among Assembly members that the suggestion made for a special session of the Central Legislature to consider the war situation has been rejected by the Viceroy. If, indeed, there is a desire in high quarters to treat India differently—at least on the same level as the neighbouring Dominions like Australia which are as much affected by the recent events in the Far East—an opportunity could have been given to the Central Legislature to meet at once to discuss the war situation. In Australia Parliament was immediately summoned to ratify the declaration of war. If a similar step had been taken in this country, it would have helped to establish one valuable convention, namely that the sanction of the Central Legislature should be taken for any declaration of war.

Quite apart from this general question of policy which has a direct relation to India's constitutional status, there are several urgent problem—the sudden increase in prices, the inadequacy of transport facilities, the question of devising suitable measures for strengthening the people's morale in view of present conditions, civil defence and several others. Instead of waiting for the Budget session, which is due to meet only in the middle of February, a special session of the Assembly could have easily been summoned to enable the members to consider at least these internal problems and offer their advice—if nothing else. There is reason to believe that some at least of the Indian Members of the Viceroy's Council supported Sardar Sant Singh's suggestion for a special session, but as it is matter which is in the hands of the Governor-General in his discretion, it is not within the power of the Council to enforce a decision.

Significant Suggestion

The visit of several members of the Assembly to New Delhi this week for the meetings of the Standing Finance Committees enabled them to meet some Indian Members of Government and discuss ways and means for ending the political deadlock—particularly in pursuance of the observations made by Sir Sultan Ahmed in his Bombay speech. Fortunately, two or three of the Indian Members like Sir Sultan Ahmed and Dr. E. Raghavendra Rao have resisted the temptation to go on long Christmas tours and have expressed their intention to continue to stay in Delhi throughout December—unless they are called to Calcutta for any urgent meeting of the Viceroy's Council.

It is significant that at this crucial time the "Manchester Guardian" has again come forward with its old suggestion that there should be a conference of Premiers, ex-Premiers and, leaders of parties, including the present Indian Members of the Viceroy's Council. From talks in New Delhi, I gather that this suggestion is engaging the serious consideration of some of the Indian Members. They are likely to bring it up for consideration at the coming meeting of the Viceroy's Council at Calcutta. There seems no doubt that if the Indian Members press this suggestion unitedly, the Viceroy will not be unwilling to recommend it to Whitehall, but judging from the past, one cannot be quite sure of even Whitehall's readiness to try at least this modest experiment. It is not unlikely, however, that before the time comes for the Sapru Conference to meet again in New Delhi, a new political move will be made to secure at least the support of this group for the expansion scheme. The dissatisfaction prevailing among even these non-party men has been amply brought out in the resolutions of the Lucknow Conference presided over by Sir Maharaj Singh

Vacant Governorships

In the coming year three Governorships are falling vacant. Though the vacancy in Bombay is not expected before October next, an announcement has already been made of the British Cabinet's choice—Sir John Dill. As regards the N.-W. Frontier Province, there has never been any doubt that the present incumbent, Sir George Cunningham, will be given an extension, for owing to the peculiar problems of that area, a man with special knowledge and experience is necessary, but so far there has been no announcement about Assam. As this is within the emergency zone owing to the nearness of Thailand, where the Japanese invaders have been trying to establish themselves, the importance of this province from the Defence point of view cannot be questioned. Will it after all be decided, in view of the developments in the Far East, that this is no time to make a change in the Governorship and for this reason, it would be the more advisable course to request the present incumbent to accept an extension? This possibility cannot be ruled out owing to the present conditions, but before hostilities broke out in the Far East, reports in New Delhi showed that either Sir Andrew Clow, present Communications Member here, would go to Assam as Governor or in the alternative Sir Hawthorne Lewis, now Governor of Orissa, would be shifted to Assam, handing over the Governorship of Orissa to Sir Andrew Clow. Sir Hawthorne's reputation is at the moment particularly high owing to his success in installing a coalition Ministry in Orissa and, thereby, according to the supporters of this move, showing a way to other provinces. There is keen regret in political circles that though during Lord Linlithgow's term of office several Governorships fell vacant, not even one of them has gone to an Indian. It is certain that the Assam Governorship will not in any case go to an Indian owing to the influence of European vested interests in that province.

'HERALD' DEFAMATION CASE TRANSFER

LUCKNOW, Dec. 22.

Mr. Justice Ghulam Hussain at the Chief Court to-day ordered the issue of notice to Mr. C. S. Ledlie, Superintendent of the Camp Jail of Lucknow, to show cause why the case filed by him of alleged defamation against Mr. K. Rama Rao, Editor of the "National Herald" should not be transferred to the Chief Court or to a court of sessions in view of an application filed by Mr. K. Rama Rao.

The application which was argued before His Lordship by Mr. R. F. Bahadur was filed under Sec. 526 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The grounds for the request for transfer were that the case involved issues of law and questions of fact on which "it is not possible for a magistrate who himself is part of the executive machinery to come to an independent conclusion however impartial he may endeavour to be."—A.P.

Dr. Sir Jawala Prasad Srivastava was unanimously elected President of the Agra and Oudh Hindu Sabha. Raja Maheshwar Dayal Seth was elected Working President and Mr. Brahm Swarup Bhatnagar, General Secretary for Oudh and Mr. Munnalal Bhushan and Pandit Rajaram Sabir for Agra respectively.

BIHAR BAN MUST BE REMOVED

Punjab Hindu Sabha Chief's Appeal To Viceroy

LAHORE, Dec. 22.

Raja Narinderanath, President of the Punjab Provincial Hindu Sabha, and Dr. Sir Gokal Chand Narang have addressed a joint telegram to H. E. the Viceroy earnestly requesting him to advise the Bihar Government to remove the ban on the annual session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha

The telegram says that the Bihar Government's order banning the Mahasabha session has created a wave of deep resentment throughout India.

It is considered a great insult to the Hindu community that Hindus forming over 90 per cent of the population in Bihar should not be allowed to hold the Mahasabha session.

It adds that the order unless reversed is sure to create serious repercussions.—A. P.

STAND BY SAVARKAR Hindu Leaders' Call On Issue Of Bihar Ban

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.

The Hon. Dr. Syamprasad Mookerjee, Working President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, Dr. B. S. Moonje, Mr. B. G. Khaparde and Mr. N. C. Chatterjee, members of the All-India Working Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha, have issued the following joint statement:—

"On the eve of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha session we appeal to the whole of Hindusthan to rally round the banner of Veer Savarkar in the great crisis, which now threatens the Hindu Mahasabha. That dauntless fighter in the cause of India's freedom has undergone untold sufferings and sacrifice to uphold India's prestige and honour.

"Due to the tactlessness of the Bihar bureaucracy the All-India session of the Hindu Mahasabha at Bhagalpore has been banned. The Hindu Mahasabha, in pursuance of its policy of responsive co-operation, has been doing its policy of responsible co-operation has been doing its utmost for militarisation and industrialization of India. It is an act of melancholy meanness to strike the Hindu Mahasabha and to show wanton affront to Veer Savarkar, our President.

"We are happy and proud to find spontaneous response in Bengal as well as throughout the whole of India to the call of Savarkar. Let us not forget that this is not a communal question. It is a deliberate attack on the fundamental civic rights of millions of citizens' freedom of association and freedom of expression.

"We call upon all sons of India, irrespective of caste, creed or political affiliation, "to uphold the courageous stand taken by the Hindu Mahasabha in this crisis." —A.P.

PUNJAB LEADERS FOR BHAGALPUR

LAHORE, Dec. 22.

Bhai Parmanand, M.L.A. (Central), is leaving for Bhagalpur this evening to attend the session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha. Dr. Sir Gokulchand Narang and Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna, President of the Frontier Provincial Hindu Sabha, are leaving to-morrow along with some other Hindu leaders from the Punjab.

In the course of an interview, Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna said: "If those responsible for the Government in Bihar think that by resorting to coercive methods they can either crush the spirit of Hindus or gag them, they are sadly mistaken. The cause of the Hindu Mahasabha is just and is bound to triumph in the end."—United Press.

Madras Liberal Leaders Want Ban To Be Lifted

MADRAS, Dec. 22.

The Rt. Hon'ble V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, Sir P. S. Sivaswami Iyer and Mr. T. R. Venkatrama Sastri, (Liberal leaders) have issued the following joint statement:—

As members of Liberal Party, we are interested in the scales being held even between all communities The ban on Hindu Mahasabha's meeting at Bhagalpur, so far as we can judge, is without justification and seem to give undue importance to possible Muslim opposition. The clear right of one community ought not to be placed at the mercy of another community. The Viceroy and the local Governor will at the present juncture be promoting the lasting interest of those clommunities by giving proper protection to the forthcoming meeting of the Mahasabha aad avoiding the suspicion of partiality.—A. P.

Savarkar Leaves For Bhagalpur

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, president of the Hindu Maha Sabha, accompanied by several Volunteers left Bombay for Bhagalpur by the Calcutta Mail on Monday.

Dr. V. Naidu Leaves For Bhagalpur

MADRAS, Dec. 22.

Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, General Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, left Madras last night by the Calcutta Mail for Bhagalpur in connection with the Annual Session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha proposed to be held there this week-end.

Mr. M V. Ganapathi Secretary, Local Hindu Sabha and nine other delegates, are also accompanying Dr. Naidu to attend the sesssion.—A. P.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The British Broadcasting Corporation will honour M. Stalin on Sunday with special programmes on the occasion of the anniversary of his sixty-second birthday.

Greetings will be conveyed to him from Allied and associated countries during which he will be congratulated upon the success of the great Russian counter-attacks, the last six of which came in time to be regarded almost in the nature of birthday presents.—Reuter.

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"Thailand?", said the Bangkok bosses to the Japanese invader, "Thy land!"

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Hitler has assumed supreme command of the Nazi army.

The Corporal gets a promotion at last! One of those Emergency Commissions?

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"I know war from four years of mighty conflict in the west from 1914 to 1918.

I experienced personally the horrors of almost all battles as an ordinary soldier. I was wounded twice and was even threatened with blindness."

—Hitler.

Threatened with blindness and infected with madness!

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Japanese fishing boats in Australian waters have been rounded up.

Should have been done long ago: Their business was always extremely fishy!

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Vichy has announced its intention "to maintain an attitude of neutrality" in the present Pacific conflict.

Britain and America must be grateful for Petain's small mercies.

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Four members of the British Labour party have been made peers.

Will they have to go to a school to learn the proper manners befitting the aristocracy?

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The Conference Season has started. We better put on our gas masks!

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Hitler is not a rational animal but seems to believe in "rationalization" as the only solution of his difficulties in Russia!

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According to the Nawab of Chhatari, the real cause of this war was "lack of religious consciousness."

Lenin would have described the same situation as "religious lack of consciousness"!

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Says British Author J. B. Priestley: "Everything now is indivisible. War is indivisible. Peace is indivisible."

But, according to Mr. Churchill's interpretation of the Atlantic Charter. Freedom is not indivisible!

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Talking about the war, Mr. Priestley further observes: "If we are not fighting in it, then that is either because we are indifferent to the future of the world and would just as soon be kicked round by a Nazi as live as a free man or because we feel that fighting is so unpleasant that we hope somebody else will do it for us."

Or—there is the third alternative—we are among those who are being asked to fight for other peoples' freedom but denied our own!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(1) On the occasion of Jinnah Jayanti and Yaum-i-Hindu Mahasabha, the Muslim League and Hindu Mahasabha have decided to hold joint celebrations.

(2) If Tilak were alive to-day he would be a member of the Viceroy's Executive Council—at least that is what Mr. Aney fondly believes!

(3) The Muslim League will protest against the Pentangular semi-final as an attempt to suppress the Muslim nation. While the Hindu Mahasabha may offer next year's presidentship to Vijay Merchant for his services to Hindudom!

(4) Hitler really believes that the battle for the liberation of Germany has to be fought on Russian territory.

(5) The Japanese occupied Hong Kong a week ago but they have allowed the British to continue fighting for the sake of some fun.

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The tiny boy had been taken for a motor ride by a friend of the family.

On his return, his mother said to him: "Did you thank Mr. Banks for taking you for a ride?"

There was no answer.

"Jimmie! Did you hear me? Did you thank Mr. Banks?"

"Yes," whispered Jimmie, "but he told me not to mention it."

INDIAN ISSUE, TOO BIG TO BE SIDETRACKED

"Guardian's" Appeal To British Cabinet To Make Fresh Effort

LONDON, Dec. 22.

"We must try again to redeem one of our great failures", says the "Manchester Guardian" in a leader under the title "War and India."

Declaring that fighting may occur at any moment in Burma on the Thailand frontier there is little to prevent the Japanese warships appearing in the Bay of Bengal, and although Calcutta is 600 miles from the nearest Thailand point, air-raid fears have already produced some evacuation from the Bengal coast. The "Guardian" says, "war has come to India. It finds an India politically unreconciled to us and to war. It is the habit of the complacent to assert that the spirit in all India is with us and that her material contribution to war compensates us for the aloofness of great parties. These are only half truths."

BR. STATESMEN BLAMED

Pointing out that it's Calcutta correspondent stated on December 20 that the general Indian public is influenced by anti-British feeling and impressed by the initial Japanese successes, the "Manchester Guardian" draws attention to India's lack of industrial development, for which, it says, British statesmen are blamed. The "Guardian" continues, "now that the evil figure of Japan has appeared at India's gates, must we not make a fresh effort to bring a peaceful settlement to a United India? It is a terrible thing that when India is threatened, she should be crippled—which is a political fact—by a quarrel between us and her principal parties and leaders—both party and non-party. It is idle to speak, as ministers do, as though the only difficulty were the obstinacy of the Congress and the Muslim League, or a breach between these two."

SAPRU & SARKAR QUOTED

Quoting Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mr. N. R. Sarker, and Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan in support of the contention that nobody in India criticised Mr. Churchill's references to India and the Atlantic Charter more than have the leaders of the so-called moderates, the "Guardian" continues, "politically conscious India wants two things—more power now, and more guarantees for the future. Indians ask that the Central Government, the Viceroy's Council, should now be wholly Indian. Finance and Defence (with Commander-in-Chief still keeping his position) would pass into Indian hands. Government would still be responsible to the Crown. Many, if not most, thoughtful Indian politicians. Do not think that an Indian Government ought yet be answerable for its life to the Central Assembly. It is urgent to get a popular government going again in the provinces, and for a long time, it has been urged that Indian leaders should confer in order to bring all parties back into that field. But when both these have been done, India will still want a plainer assurance than she has yet received about her future.

BAD FAITH

To fix an unconditional time limit within which Dominion Status will be recognised would be to give a promise which, events being incalculable, we might be unable to fulfil with consequent reproaches of bad faith. But since we have already promised India equal partnership, there is no reason why we should not say that whatever settlement India agrees on at the end of the war, we will carry out within a stated time. To call a conference to plan now and at the end of war to draft the final scheme follows naturally.

TOO BIG TO BE SIDE-TRACKED

There are welcome signs that members of Parliament recognise that something of this kind must be done and must be done soon. The Labour Party is reported to have been active but this is no party matter. Ministers, especially Mr. Churchill whose voice is all powerful, have much to occupy them but the issue is too big to be sidetracked. Events, more than ever, are forcing its urgency upon us. Ministers, especially Mr. Churchill, must realise that we have not done enough and cannot stand still but that with more generosity, imagination and trust we must try again to redeem one of our great failures of the war."—Reuter.

Hitler's Bid For Infallibility

Why He Sacked Gen. Von Brauchitsch

LONDON, Dec. 22.

It is felt in London that two points emerge reasonably clearly from Hitler's assumption of the supreme command of the German Army, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

In the first place Hitler has found it politically expedient to provide a scapegoat for the fact that his 1941 campaign has not ended in the way he intended or in the way he forecast. Hitler has found his scapegoat not among politicians but among soldiers.

In the second place he is evidently relying on the curious reputation for infallibility he hitherto enjoyed in Germany as a means of restoring confidence and contentment to the German people and the German armed forces.

How far he will be successful remains to be seen. Among ordinary people in an ordinary country it would seem that any attempt to find a scapegoat would be made not among the military but among politicians who conceived and ordered the campaign.

In view of the German reverses both in Russia and Libya, perhaps the German people will not be so impressed with their Fuehrer's so-called "instincts and intuitions" which have led him to sack Gen. von Brauchitsch.

BERLIN: It is officially stated here that the war is now approaching a decisive phase. Therefore, it is understandable that Hitler should take over the supreme command of the army in order to achieve even greater concentrations of German forces than hitherto.

FAREWELL TO BRAUCHITSCH

Hitler's farewell to Field Marshal Von Brauchitsch took place at noon to-day according to the German news agency.

The agency adds the Berlin authoritative quarters say that "the farewell took a dignified and solemn form in keeping with the greatness of the moment."

NO SUCCESSOR YET

Although nothing is known in Berlin military circles about another appointment for Von Brauchitsch, the news agency says, "These circles emphasise that Von Brauchitsch has neither been placed 'at disposal' (this term is used with regard to officers kept in the background and liable to be called out at any time) nor on the retired list for in Germany, as was the case with Field Marshal Von Mackensen, a Field Marshal is never retired.

'C. D.' Not Indispensable For Swaraj

Mahatma On Need Of Constructive Work By Millions

BARDOLI, Dec. 22

"For my handling of civil disobedience without constructive programme will be like a paralysed hand attempting to lift a spoon," observes Mahatma Gandhi in a pamphlet, running to twenty-seven pages, on "Constructive Programme—Its Meaning and Place", just published.

Civil disobedience, Gandhiji says, is not absolutely necessary to win freedom through non-violent efforts, if the co-operation of the whole nation is secured in constructive programme. But such a good luck rarely favours nations or individuals.

THREE FUNCTIONS

He adds that civil disobedience, in a nation-wide non-violent effort, has three definite functions. It can effectively be offered for the redress of a local wrong. It can be offered without regard to the effect, though aimed at a particular wrong or evil, by way of self-immolation, in order to rouse local consciousness or conscience. In place of full response to constructive effort, it can be offered as it is being offered at present.

Concluding Gandhiji says the civil disobedience is stimulation for fighters and challenge to the opponent—in the present case the authority.

In terms of independence without the co-operation of the millions by way of constructive effort, it is a mere bravado and more than useless.

13-FOLD PROGRAMME

The pamphlet dwells at length on thirteen items in Gandhiji's constructive programme, namely, communal unity, removal of untouchability, prohibition, khadi, other village industries, village sanitation, basic education, adult education, uplift of women, education in health and hygiene, propaganda of Rashtra-Bhasha, love of one's own language and working for economic equality.—United Press.

Anglo-Soviet Terms To Iran

Discussion In Teheran Parliament On Treaty To Be Signed On Sunday

TEHERAN, Dec. 22.

The Anglo-Iranian Treaty which is to be signed on Sunday next was debated in the Iranian Parliament yesterday.

The terms are based on the general lines of the Anglo-Egyptian and Anglo-Irak Treaties.

To a deputy who put forward the view that Iranian neutrality would be lost if the treaty were signed, the Foreign Minister Mr Scheili replied that neutrality was now an impossibility.

He gave as an instance the case of Sweden who reluctantly allowed the passage of German troops.

TERMS OF TREATY

Under the Treaty between Britain, Russia and Iran, which will be signed on Sunday next Britain and Russia promise to protect Persian sovereignty and defend Persian territory against aggression.

They undertake not to interfere in the political and economic life of the country.

Other provisions in the Treaty are:

Firstly, the Iranian army to be used only for internal defence,

Secondly, Iran to allow British and Russian forces inside Iran but all foreign forces to leave either six months after the armistice or on the conclusion of a peace treaty;

Thirdly, free passage to be given to Soviet and British troops and supplies, and transport to be assisted by Persian labour;

Fourthly, Iran to assist the already established censorship and fifthly, Iran to sever diplomatic relations with the Axis and enemy-occupied countries.

FINANCIAL HELP

Financial discussions respecting the use of Iranian communication by Soviet and British forces and methods of preserving Iranian economic life will begin after the ratification of the treaty.—Reuter.

JAPANESE 'PUTSCH' TOWARDS PHILIPPINES

Huge Enemy Transports And Fleet On The Move

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life may need conducting in the Council Chamber".

Japanese Land In Lingayen Gulf Area

MANILA, Dec. 22.

The Army Headquarters announce that Japanese landed in the Lingayen Gulf area and immediately came to grips with American and Filippino troops.

Fighting is reported to be raging between Lingayen and town of Agoo.

The military spokesman indicated that his terse announcement was all that could be expected from the headquarters until the situation had cleared.

Military observes estimated that the 80 transports reported earlier to have been seen could handle between 30 and 50 thousand troops, although it is admitted that the sizes of the transports were unknown here. It is not yet known whether the Japanese have succeeded in landing heavy equipment.

Tank Combats

A later communique on Monday says: "This afternoon, heavy fighting continued including tank combats. Our troops more than held their own. At one point Japanese destroyers and transports were driven off by our heavy guns, thus preventing a landing. Our troops behaved splendidly.

American and Filippino defenders fighting in Lingayen are reported to be holding their own in heavy and bloody fighting.

Bombs Dropped On Manila

MANILA,—Three Japanese planes flying so high that they were unable to be seen with the naked eye, dropped a few bombs on Manila early to-day and then flew north towards Lingayen. It was the second raid of the day on Manila.

CANBERRA,—It is officially stated that the Australian Government has received no information about the Japanese attack on New Guinea which was reported lastnight by the Rome radio. The Australian Government is constantly in touch with outlying democratic strongholds to the north of Australia. Reuter.

Dutch Planes Over Malaya

BATAVIA,—A "Communique" on Monday says that Dutch East Indies planes have taken part in the operations over Malaya. After having carried out successful raids one Dutch fighter was shot down over Malacca, Although injured the crew escaped.

Fighting In Perak

SINGAPORE—A "Communique" issued to-day states "in Perak, our troops continue to hold their position round Kuala Gangsa. There was a further battle on the Grik road yesterday, where the enemy has been using the Perak river to bring up reinforcements by raft. Our troops engaged the enemy and inflicted heavy casualties.

There was no air activity last night. Kuala Kangsap is 15 miles north of Ipoh as the crow flies, 45 miles southeast Singei Krian, and 30 south of Lenggong on the Grik road. Roads from Grik and Singei Krian meet here

Netherlands' Indies' Defence Plans

BATAVIA: The day has come for the Royal Netherlands' East Indies armies to take up arms, declared the Commander-in-Chief Lieutenant General Terpoorten in a broadcast to-day (Monday).

"The army is now compelled to defend the Netherlands with all the means at its disposal against an enemy who is as barbaric as unreliable and dishonourable.

Already we may speak with pride of the blows inflicted on the enemy. The way in which the air force acted especially off Miri has aroused the admiration of the whole world".—Reuter.

When Will Britain Catch Enemy Napping?

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 22.

Britain's main task is to regain the initiative of ideas, declares the 'Rand Daily Mail' discussing the lessons of Hong Kong, Malaya and Libya.

The decision to hold Hong Kong in the event of war with Japan apparently was taken quite recently. Reinforcements were sent there and the public were repeatedly reassured about the strength of the fortress and the thoroughness of the preparations; yet within five days the fate of the island is in the gravest doubt.

CAUGHT NAPPING

The newspaper continues that in Malaya too there is no doubt we have been caught napping. The story of courageous resistance against heavy odds and new methods is now unpleasantly familiar. Is there not far too much complacency not only among the public but also in high military command? There is need for more ideas. It will be a great day when we learn that the enemy has been caught napping.—Reuter.

14 JAP. SUBMARINES SUNK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

NAVAL SECRETARY, COL. KNOX, SAYS THAT 14 ENEMY SUBMARINES WERE SUNK OR DAMAGED IN THE ATLANTIC. COL. KNOX ADDED THAT AMERICAN NAVAL FORCES "EFFECTIVELY DEALT WITH SEVERAL JAPANESE SUBMARINES IN THE PACIFIC."

2 U. S. Ships Sunk

The U. S. Navy Department Sunday evening communique covering the situation to noon states that "There are indications of enemy submarine activities off the east coast of the United States.

S.S. "Agwinworld" was shelled by enemy submarine.

The crew abandoned the ship and took to life boats.

Three lifeboats were destroyed by submarine gunfire. Thirty-two survivors were rescued. There were 54 in the crew.

Wake Island sustained two additional attacks by enemy aircraft. The enemy made a light air attack on Cavite. Only slight damage resulted.

S. S. "Emidio" was also shelled and then torpedoed.

Five members of the crew missing from the tanker "Emidio" were apparently killed by the explosion of the torpedo.

Five others were seriously wounded.

The captain said as lifeboats pulled away the ship was riding low in the water, apparently sinking.

Halifax Meets Roosevelt

Lord Halifax and President Roosevelt conferred for 30 minutes on Sunday afternoon.

After Lord Halifax left the President received the War Secretary Mr. Stimson, Naval Secretary Col. Knox, Army Chief of Staff General Marshall and the Naval Operations Chief Admiral Stark who conferred for 45 minutes.

The President's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early warned reporters not to speculate and said that if anything was given out, it would be in the form of an official statement.

Mr. Early added that he believed there would be nothing given on Sunday afternoon or night.

Canadian Premier's Message To Hong-Kong Defenders

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.

The Canadian Prime Minister Mr. Mackenzie King has cabled Brigadier Lawson "All Canada has been following hour by hour the progress of events at Hong Kong.

Our thoughts are of each and every one of you in your brave resistance of the forces that are seeking to destroy the world's freedom. Your bravery is an inspiration to us all. Our country's name and its honour have never been more splendidly upheld."—Reuter.

Japs Bomb Open City

MANILA, Dec. 22.

General MacArthur's headquarters for the first time accused the Japanese to-night of attacking an open city in announcing a raid this morning on Baler, Tayabas Province, birthplace of President Quezon.

"Japanese bombed Baler at 10-15 to-day," says the announcement.

"Baler is an open city and there are absolutely no military objectives."—Reuter.

Fresh Japanese Drive In Central China

TOKYO, Dec. 22.

According to an announcement by the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in Central China, a general offensive was started on Saturday against the main Chinese forces in the provinces of Chekiang, Anhwei, Kiangsi and Fukien.

CHINESE INTENSIFY ATTACK

CHUNGKING:—A Chinese war 'communique' reports that Chinese forces are intensifying their attack on the enemy in the vicinity of Shusnshum on the Canton-Kowloon Railway. The Japanese are counter-attacking in this area following the arrival of reinforcements from Canton and Kowloon on Saturday.—Reuter.

The Governor-General has been pleased to appoint Mr. J A Byers, ICS, District and Sessions Judge, to be an additional Judge of the Madras High Court, with effect from the 16th January 1942 to the 15th July, 1943, vice the Hon. Mr. Justice C. Kunhi Raman, states a Press Communique.—A. P.

FLEXIBLE STEEL CONDUIT-TUBES

American make 5/8"—Rolls of 100 feet eq. 29 lbs. heavy spear-head armour steel—U. S. A. patent 1845599. For samples and stocks apply Box 15526, "Bombay Chronicle."

Charge Against Allahbux: Adjournment Talked Out In Sind Assembly

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Premier said: "I entirely agree with the House that I owe no responsibility to the Secretary of State and if it is the wish of the House that I should not wait for any authoritative interpretation from him and that I should disclose the files I can make the position perfectly clear to the Governor and through him to the Viceroy that the decision of the Secretary of State should be sought without the least possible delay. I have no right to prescribe the time limit. If the House chooses I shall call a session of the House in January. All that I can do is to bring to the notice of the Governor that the House is anxious and I also want that the decision might be arrived at without the least possible delay and if I receive that within the next fifteen or twenty days I shall place it before the House. But if the decision is not forthcoming then I shall call a session of the House and place the whole matter before it.

CHARGE OF HOLDING TO OFFICE

Sheikh Abdul Majid in moving the adjournment motion criticised the Premier's statement and accused him of sticking to office. He said that it was the biggest issue and the Premier was running to the Secretary of State for decision. He was responsible only to the House.

After Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Miss Jethi Sipahimilani, Deputy Speaker, and Khan Bahadur Khuro had spoken criticising the Governor's interference Mr. Nichaldas Vazirani, the Revenue Minister declared that it was the first occasion when the Governor refused to be guided by his advance. He quoted from the Viceroy's declaration which made it clear that under Provincial Autonomy in all matters falling within the Ministerial field, including the protection of minorities and services, the Governor should always be guided by the advice of the Ministers.

The House at this stage rose till to morrow.—A.P.

More Recruits For De Gaulle

EAST LONDON, Dec. 22.

Contingents of Frenchmen who were abroad the Vichy convoy intercepted off the south African coast in November have left to join Gen. de Gaulle. Many were French colonial army soldiers. Others are joining the navy and others merchant ships. Further drafts will leave when arrangements have been completed.—Reuter.

SOVIET PURSUE ROUTED NAZI FORCES

Over Hundred Villages Retaken: Fighting In Knee-Deep Snow

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.

The Soviet midday Communique states: "During the night of December 21 our troops fought the enemy on all fronts."

Soviet troops continue to press the Geramn southwest of Moscow, according to a Tass dispatch to-day. They are stated to be pursuing a spirited offensive, surrounding and annihilating the enemy and liberating one village after another.

A hundred villages were retaken in one day.

Especially heavy fighting is reported to be in progress near the town of "T"

Gen. Meretskov's troops have completely cleared the important Tikhvin-Volkhov road says the Tass correspondent on the Leningrad front.

They captured twelve villages on Saturday and are pursuing Gen. Schmidt's routed troops, preventing them from making a stand in Saturday fighting the 21st German infantry division was routed. Thousands of officers and men were killed in the retreat from Tikhvin.

Soviet troops advancing Kneedeep in snow surrlunded and captured the village of "K" while Soviet ski-troops made long distance raids into the German rear and captured a village.

Churchill Greets Stalin

Mr. Churchill has sent a cordial telegram of good wishes to M. Stalin on the occasion of his birthday on Sunday.

BERLIN.—Monday's Communique dealing with events on the eastern front says: "On the central sector of the eastern front numerous Soviet attacks broke down against the stubborn resistance of our troops.

The Luftwaffe supported the army's hard fighting by strong attacks on enemy field positions, tank concentrations motorised columns and railway lines."

A full-grown leopard, which had maulded six persons in quick succession, was shot dead by a police officer in Howrah town on Monday.

GERMAN LOSSES

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.

The Germans on Moscow Front alone lost over 117,000 Officers and men from November 10 to December 16, says the "Pravda" in an Editorial to-day, quoted by the Moscow Radio.

During the same period the Germans lost 2113 tanks, 1200 lorries, 731 trenchmortars, 1796 machine-guns and a great number of automatic rifles, motorcycles, armoured cars, and war supplies.—Reuter.

Winter Cuts At German Clothing

(From Our Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.

Germany will be unable to get winter overcoats until next summer as a result of a new cut in clothes coupons, according to the weekly report of the Agricultural Department.

Germany is being increasingly short of labour, the report says, and Italy is increasingly short of food. The shortage of skilled workers in Germany, together with the demand of the troops for cold weather clothing, has brought about new civilian clothing cuts, which decrease by thirty the number of points each person is allowed.

Gold-Silver Employees On Strike

A mass picketing of 30 shops in the Marwadi Bazzar, organised by the Gold and Silver Employees' Union, Bombay, started since today the 4th day of the strike. nearly 200 artisans are involved in the strike and their principle demand is for the increase of 40 per cent. on the current rates. The Merchants having refused to concede the demand. The picketing is continued. A procession of strikers passed through the main streets of Moti Bazzar and Coms. Wadekar, Nimbkar, Musadkar and others addressed the meeting.

A meeting of the Gold-Silver Employees will be held to-day, Tuesday, the 23rd at 7 p.m. in 1st Sutar Galli under the auspices of the Gold and Silver Employees' Union, Bombay to support the Marwadi Bazzar.

Buck's Plea For Physical Education

MADRAS, Dec. 22.

"We must continue to shape opinion and eventually bring educational institutions to give physical education its rightful place, not because of legislation but because of their implicit faith in its values" observed Mr. H. C. Buck, Adviser to Government on Physical Education and Principal Y. M. C. A. College of Physical Education, presiding over the eighth Provincial Physical Education Conference held here to-day.

Sir Mahomed Usman, Vice-Chancellor of Madras University opened the conference.—A. P.

BR. PATROLS ENTER CIRENE & APPOLONIA

Rommel Being Driven Westward: Axis Aerodrome In Allies' Hands

CAIRO, Dec. 22.

British patrols entered Cirene and Appolonia on Sunday.

The pursuit of Gen. Rommel's forces in Libya westwards still continues, according to authoritative quarters in London on Monday morning. It is uncertain whether Gen. Rommel will attempt to make some stand around Benghazi. The fact that a German force is known to be southward of Benghazi does not affect this question, because by keeping the force there he is protecting his exposed flank.

Cairo Communique

The following is the text of the 'communique' issued by the British G.H.Q. Middle East to-day:—

"By yesterday evening our mobile columns which had advanced through and south of Jebel Akhdar were pressing back the enemy holding covering positions east of Benghazi, while further columns were operating against enemy forces which were withdrawing southwards towards Jedabya.

R.A.F. BUSY

Severe weather conditions again hampered movement on both sides, particularly in the air. Nevertheless our air forces again reaped a rich reward from intensive action against concentrations of enemy mechanical transports on roads and tracks along the seaboard of the Gulf of Sirte.

AXIS AERODROME TAKEN

A few days ago one of our mechanised patrols operating over 150 miles into Tripolitania carried out a brilliant surprise move against an enemy aerodrome, which has just been taken into use. No less than 24 German and Italian aircraft were destroyed on the ground. Dumps of petrol and bombs were demolished and the entire garrison which outnumbered the raiders by six to one was accounted for."

ROME VERSION

ROME:—An Italian 'communique' on Monday reports a local encounter in the Jebel area, adding that an orderly movement of Italian troops to new positions is taking place.

The 'communique' reports raids on Tripoli, Benghazi and Barce.—Reuter.

Signor Gayada On Battle Of Libya

LONDON, December 22.

Signor Gayada, the well-known commentator, writing in the 'Journale d'Italia', says that the battle for Libya has now reached the decisive turning point not only of the colonial war but of the European and World War. The battle will not only decide the fortune of Libya but of the whole of Italy.

He adds that the entire armed strength has been thrown into the battle of Libya and on the outcome of the battle depends the fate of Italy.—Reuter.

Duce's Advice To Commander In Greece

ROME, Dec. 22

Mussolini received to-day Gen. Geloso, Commander of Italian troops in Greece, and, according to the official newe agency, gave him instructions "concerning problems of a military character and the activity of the troops who occupy with the capital all Greek territory."—Reuter

Famous Turin Theatre Burnt Down

ROME, Dec. 22.

The Rosini theatre at Turin built in 1763 was almost completely destroyed by fire on Monday, according to the official news agency. The fire broke out suddenly as the result of a short circuit.

SATYAGRAHA IN CITY TO-DAY

Two Congressmen of Bombay have given notice to the Commissioner of Police of their intention to offer Satyagraha on Tuesday.

Mr Kantilal Balabhai Desai proposes to shout anti-war slogans at 11-45 a.m. in front of the East India Cotton Association; and Mr. Raghunath Sakharam Bhide, in front of the office of the 'G' Ward District Congress Committee, Dadar.

This brings the total number of Satyagrahis in the city to 12.

SANSKRIT SCHOLARS RELEASED

LAHORE, Dec. 20.

Dr. Raghuvira and Pandit Vishaw Bandhu, Sanskrit Scholars, who were recently arrested under the Defence of India Rules following the outbreak of hostilities in the Far East have been released.—A. P.

Madras Releases 58 Satyagrahis

MADRAS, December 20.

The Madras Government has ordered the release of a further batch of 58 Satyagrahis in accordance with the Government of India's communique.

So far, 573 cases of Satyagrahi prisoners were examined by the Government and release was ordered in respect of 343. Only five more cases have yet to be examined.—United Press.

C. P. Jail Delivery

NAGPUR, Dec. 22.

Two hundred and six Satyagrahis were released by the C.P. Government during the period from December 4 to 12, following the Government of India's 'communique' on the question of release of persons convicted for technical breach of the Defence of India Rules.

It is understood that there are only three non-Satyagrahis who are now in jail undergoing imprisonment for specific offences.—United Press.

Runciman For Cairo

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. W. L. Runciman, Director-General of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, has left for Cairo 'en route' to the United Kingdom.—A. P.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

A momentous decision which will begin to be made to-day at Bardoli must take our minds away from the small world in which we live to the greater world, even though it be only a village, where are gathered the members of the Working Committee of the Congress. All India awaits with breathless impatience the verdict of their deliberations and let us, who are the rank and file, hope and pray that some greater force will guide them also at this perilous and responsible moment. On Bardoli once more will depend so much of what India will think and say to-morrow.

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The Ahmedabad Municipality have refused to co-operate in A. R. P. measures and according to a correspondent of the "Chronicle" there is every likelihood of its suspension. Though I do not like to see civic bodies suspended, may I say that it is slightly short-sighted (to put it mildly) of a municipality in India to refuse to co-operate in A. R. P. measures. I have no doubt the members have deliberated well and at length before taking such a decision. And I have even less doubt that so harmful a step on the part of an Indian Municipality in December 1941 is most unwise.

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Extract from a local evening paper:

"The prisoner's dock of the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court (Esplanade Police Court) was converted into a bar on Friday, when five prisoners in the dock indulged in an orgy of drinking, sipping a pot containing a gallon of illicit liquor, which was an exhibit in another case, to the last drop.

This India!

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A message from Singapore says: "Allied shipping was warned on Saturday night that Singapore is a closed port to night.

Vessels will be fired on if approaching during darkness beyond 104 degrees 25 minutes from east or 103 degrees 30 minutes from west."

I think a message like this might have been amplified or interpreted for the layman. Even I as a journalist following news closely cannot appreciate its many implications.

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Fictitious remark overheard at a local Snack Bar on Marine Drive: "Yeast is Yeast and Vest is Vest."

That is the refugee problem as it faces us.

REFRESHING REX COOLING
Lime Juice
CORDIAL

C. P. MILLOWNERS ACCEPT GOVT.'S TERMS

NAGPUR, Dec 22.

All millowners in the C. P. and Berar have notified to the Government their acceptance of the Government resolution on the Jayaratnam Textile Labour Enquiry Committee's findings regarding wages and dearness allowance.

Increased emoluments and regularity of bonus, it is stated, will neutralise the rise in the cost of living of textile labour in the province on account of the rise in prices—United Press.

Aney At Fergusson College

POONA, Dec. 22.

"The theory of National problem is not special province of politicians, but it concerns non-politicians as well. The right solution of this problem could be achieved, not by politicians attacking it, but by non-politicians, who form a large majority, discussing it in a detached and scientific spirit," observed the Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney Member for Indians Overseas Government of India, at a receptiin given as the Ferguson College at noon.

The Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney left for Bombay this afternoon 'en route' to Yawatmal after two days' stay here. A large number of friends and admirer gave him a send-off at the station.—United Press.

INDIAN SEEDS TRADE & BR. GOVT.'S ATTITUDE

SETH RAMDAS KILACHAND DEMANDS ABANDONMENT OF QUOTA SYSTEM

The annual general meeting of the Seeds Traders' Association was held yesterday when Seth Ramdas Kilachand, the outgoing president addressing the gathering said:—

Gentlemen,

I welcome you all to this the Annual General Meeting of the Association. Before I move the adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts of our Association, I should like to take this opportunity of making a few observations befitting the occasion.

As you all know, the most important influence which overshadows our trade and life is the War whose front is extending to new territories every day. It is difficult for any one to predict how and when this great conflagration which envelops almost the whole World will come to an end. In any case, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the War is coming nearer and nearer India. I personally believe that, under such uncertain and trying times which are ahead of us, one may be well advised to keep one's business commitments within reasonable bounds. Although the War has not come to the Indian soil, we see around us a feeling of increasing panic and nervousness among the general public. The War situation is daily changing, and, it may happen that the War zone may be actually extended to the cities and villages of India, but, even under those circumstances, I believe that it will serve no useful purpose, if we get frightened and panicky and act like mad people. I would advise my countrymen to keep calm and act in such a disciplined manner as would lessen panic and confusion instead of adding to them.

Br. Govt.'s Attitude

Coming now to questions which directly affect our trade, I would draw your attention to the policy of the British Government for purchasing Indian oil seeds. As you may be aware, the British Ministry of Food buys their requirements of Indian groundnuts, linseed etc., according to a method known as the Quota System. Experience has shown that, one of the results of this system has been that about three-fourths of the total business in oil seeds has gone to only a couple of foreign firms operating here. It, therefore, seems to me desirable that the quota system should be abandoned and the British Ministry should be urged to make their purchases of Indian oil seeds through the Government of India who should invite tenders from, or, should make purchases on a fixed commission basis, chiefly through Indian firms. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry had sent a representation embodying the above suggestion to the Government of India, and, I do hope that our Association as well as the Federation will persevere in their endeavours in this direction.

One of the most important consequences of the present War has been that the markets of the European Continent who were the principal customers of Indian groundnuts, were completely lost to us. Consequently, during the last season, India was faced with a very acute problem as regards the disposal of her unexportable surplus. The Government of the province of Madras and the Central Government were seriously engaged in considering the problem as to how the huge surplus should be disposed of and the interests of the cultivator safeguarded as much as possible. Although this season the new crop of groundnuts may be smaller owing to curtailment of about 23 per cent. in the area put under this crop, it is, nevertheless, evident that, in the interest of the trade and agriculture of groundnuts, it is most desirable that the indigenous oil crushing industry of our country should be developed and intensified much further. Our Government should lend every possible support and assistance in the development of this industry within the country so that our oil crushing industry, besides supplying the requirements for oil and other allied articles of our country, may be eventually placed in the position of supplying them to foreign markets.

Oil Crushing Industry

During the last few years, our oil crushing industry has no doubt been developing, but it is sad to reflect that the complaint of adulteration of pure or genuine ghee with what is known as vegetable ghee which is produced from such oils as that of groundnut, and of attempts to pass off the adulterated product as genuine ghee has also been simultaneously on the increase. In my humble opinion, such malpractices would, ultimately, do harm to our industry, and, I, therefore, welcome the adoption of measures which make compulsory the colourisation of the vegetable products. I may here make one observation in passing, viz., that, in spite of the daily growing importance of the trade in Indian oil seeds and their manufactured products, our trade therein is still being carried on according to old fashioned customs and conventions. May I, in this connection, draw the attention of our members to a recent publication of the Government called the "Marketing of Groundnuts in India" which, I consider, may be well worth perusal.

Gentlemen, as you know, the agriculture and trade in groundnuts has now come to occupy a pre-eminent position in Indian economy, which is only next in importance

importance to cotton. It, therefore, seems to me essential that a central All-India body devoted to the examination of problems aiming at the improvement in the trade and agriculture of Indian oilseeds should be established on the lines of the Indian Central Cotton Committee and the Indian Jute Committee. A movement in this direction was started as long ago as 1930, and, at the initiative of your Association, a Resolution on this subject was passed at the Annual Sessions of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce held in 1937. There are now no two opinions as to the necessity of such a Central Committee for oilseeds as referred to before, and, it is, therefore, my earnest hope that the Government of India will now lose no time in taking the necessary measures in order to bring such body into being, as soon as possible.

Difficulties Of Transport

Scarcity of Railway Waggons which is now being experienced for transporting cotton and oilseeds to the central markets at the ports from the Upcountry centres is presently causing much concern to the merchants and cultivators of these commodities. Under the stress of the War, we do realise the difficulties of the Railways in this respect, but, I cannot help saying that more free movement of these commodities to the terminal markets at the ports will ease the pressure of selling coming from the primary producers, and, consequently, will benefit the agriculturists. We may, therefore, hope that the Railway Companies will do their best and place the required waggons, as freely as possible, at the disposal of the merchants, for bringing their raw commodities to the terminal markets at the ports.

Under the prevailing conditions, I feel that an increase in the cultivation and production of food grains is an extremely desirable objective. In this connection, I fully endorse the views and suggestions to which Sir Purshottamdas gave expression last week in his address at the Annual General Meeting of the East India Cotton Association, wherein, he suggested that, at a time like the present when exports of cotton have dwindled to a very negligible figure, especially the area under the cultivation of short stapled cottons, should, with advantage to the cultivator and the country as a whole, be devoted to the cultivation of food grains. The same is the case of oilseeds whose exports have also fallen off enormously. So long, therefore, as the present situation continues, it is desirable that area put under the cultivation of oilseeds is, instead devoted to the growing of food crops, and, the Government should in my opinion, undertake propaganda, in order to achieve this objective. Owing to the rising prices of food grains, I believe that a diversion of areas, now put under such commercial crops as cotton and oil seeds, to the cultivation of food crops will be found beneficial to the agriculturists, the Government and also the consuming public.

Trade In Groundnuts

As said by me earlier, trade in groundnuts has now come to occupy, in our country, a place next in importance only to cotton, and, I, therefore, feel that standardisation of the contract of groundnuts for the whole of India will have the effect of making trade in this commodity smoother. Besides, against the groundnut contract made under the Bye-laws of our Association, the seller is restricted to tendering the Bold Bombay groundnuts only. The crop of Bold groundnuts accounts for only 18% of the total production of groundnuts in India, and, their average annual exports amount to about 10% of total exports of Indian groundnuts. The basis of our contract is thus narrow and I, therefore, believe that the existing contract basis may be widened by permitting the tendering of Madras (Coromandal) and Khandesh Groundnuts at certain fixed premiums or discounts. Besides, the production and trade in oils and oil cakes has also been assuming more importance in our country during recent years, and, if our Association, therefore, takes in hand the framing of contracts for these articles and laying down some by-laws for doing forward trade therein, we shall have done an important service to the trade.

Before I resume my seat, Gentlemen, I have one most pleasant duty to perform and it is to thank sincerely my colleagues of the Board and other members who extended to me their unstinted co-operation and lightened my work during my term of office as Chairman of the Association. I must also express my sense of satisfaction at the usual care and perseverance which the Secretary and staff of the Association brought to bear in the discharge of their respective duties. With these words, Gentlemen, I move the proposition to adopt and pass the Annual Report and Accounts of the Association for the Samvat Year 1998.

Seth RAMDAS KILACHAND, President (Outgoing) of the Seeds Traders' Association, Ltd., Bombay.

J. A. MADAN'S NEW JOB

The Governor of Bombay, with the concurrence of the Governor of Sind, has appointed Mr. J. A. Madan, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., as Chairman of the Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission from April 1, 1942. Mr. Madan has been granted leave from January 3 to March 31 with permission to prefix the Christmas holidays.

His Excellency has appointed Mr. G. F. S. Collins, C.S.I., C.I.E., O.B.E., I.C.S., to be his Adviser from January 3 in the vacancy created by Mr. Madan's leave.

Mr. H. K. Kripalani, C.I.E., I.C.S., Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust, whose services are being replaced at the disposal of the Government of Bombay, has been appointed to act as Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay from January 3.

Uday Shankar Ballet

We are informed by the management of the Uday Shankar Ballet that Thursday is the last day of their season at the Excelsior and that there will be no further engagements at any other theatre in this city.

For the remaining day they are presenting a select programme which includes the "Labour and Machinery" ballet, two new numbers, "Urvashi" and "Natanam" besides some old favourites like "Shiva Tandava" ballet "Shiva Charmer", "Mohini", "Bhill Dance", etc.

AMERY'S QUEER LOGIC

Jamnadas Mehta On Refusal To Help Indian Automobile Scheme

BOMBAY, Dec. 22.

"While on one hand the National Defence Council is constituted to intensify war efforts and while on the other all available reports indicate that the Government of India are reconsidering their attitude towards the establishment of a motor industry in this country, Mr. Amery's rejection of the suggestion comes as a rude shock to me," says Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, M.L.A. (Central) and member of the National Defence Council and Defence Advisory Committee.

Mr. Mehta adds: "It should be clear that in view of the strategy forced by circumstances, India would become an increasingly important centre through which supplies will have to be furnished both to the East and the West. The demand for transport is already growing great. It will further increase in enormous proportions. At such a time Mr. Amery's statement is particularly unfortunate. The excuses given by him to dismiss Indian automobile manufacturing scheme bear no scrutiny. India has vast labour population. The bogey of diversion of skilled labour has been more than exposed. In itself it is untrue. War industries are getting all the labour needed. The question of machinery is purely a Governmental action. If the Government treat the proposition as a part of essential war effort and grant necessary high priorities, the road will be clear in regard to dollars, machinery, etc."

Mr. Mehta concludes: "Mr. Amery has added one more serious mistake to the numerous ones he has made by his ill-timed rejection of Indian motor manufacturing scheme".—A.P.

NO STREET LIGHTS AFTER 9-30 P.M.!

DACCA, Dec. 22.

The District Magistrate, Mr. A. S. Larkin, has directed that all street lights in the city will be put out by 9-30 p.m. from to-night.—A. P.

EX-MINISTER CARRIES PRIZE

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 22.

The 'Mangal Prasad Prize' of Rs. 1,200 has been awarded this year to Mr. Sampurnanand, former Education Minister, U. P., for his book entitled "Sama Wad" (socialism). This prize is awarded annually for the best Hindi book by the All-India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan.—A. P.

"SOCIALISM ALONE IS GOOD FOR INDIA"
Verdict Of Students' Parliament

BOMBAY, Monday.

The opinion that the situation which confronts the world today has been brought about by unequal distribution of wealth and that India could only look up for her salvation in the adoption of socialism, was expressed by Mr. V. B. Karnik in a speech to-day at Blavatsky Lodge on Saturday.

The occasion of the speech was an interesting public symposium on the subject "What I want my India to Become". The symposium was held under the auspices of the Youths' Parliament and the Bombay Students' Brotherhood. Mr. Karnik, who presided over at the symposium pointed out, that it was no use frightening people against the Russian model of socialism as it has now been established beyond doubt that freedom of thought, action and personality existed in that country. He maintained that living conditions of women and workers were better in Russia than in India.

Mr. M. D. Japeth inaugurating the symposium stated, that the Gandhian philosophy of non-violence should be adopted by India if she wanted to be the happiest country in the world. The subsequent speakers Messrs. Bhave and Sashital asserted, that they could not conceive of a better world order, other than that based on socialism and equality.

Mr. Rustom Battlivalla winding up the symposium said, that he wanted India to become a Socialist state, as he had no faith left in parliamentary Democracy.

Finally the speaker urged that India should adopt socialism as it afforded better economic order and prosperity.

Mr. R. I. Patel and Swami Acharya also spoke.

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Threat To Ahmedabad Municipality

Sequel To Non-Co-operation With A. R. P. Measures

(From Our Correspondent.)
AHMEDABAD, Dec. 22.

It is reliably learnt that there is every likelihood of the suspension of the Ahmedabad Municipality, in the near future, as the Municipality had refused to co-operate in A.R.P. measures.

The Collector, it is learnt, has reported in this connection to the Bombay Government, and is awaiting instructions.

Bonus To Indore Mill Workers

INDORE, (By Mail).

Col. Dinanath, Prime Minister of Indore, announced that the millowners had voluntarily agreed to pay to the mill workers 10 per cent. of the current year's wages as bonus. The amount thus paid will be about Rs. 6,25,000. The bonus will be calculated on total wages earned by the workers excluding the dearness allowance of 12 1|2 per cent and will be paid on or before February 21, 1942.—United Press.

MADRAS CONTINGENT FOR BHAGALPORE

MADRAS, Dec. 21.

Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu, General Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, accompanied by Mr. M. V. Anapathi, Secretary of the Madras City Provincial Hindu Sabha, and about 20 other delegates from Tamil Nad, left for Bhagalpore to-night by the Calcutta Mail to attend the annual session of the Mahasabha.

They will reach Bhagalpore on the morning of December 24.

Mr. Subbarama Chetty, President, and Mr. Gupta, Secretary of the Andhra Provincial Hindu Mahasabha, accompanied by a number of delegates from Andhra also left for Bhagalpore to-night.—United Press.

RELEASE BOSE AND LAL

Or Charge Them In Court Of Law

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21.

A resolution demanding from the Government of India either to produce Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose and Lala Shankar Lal in a court of law with definite charges against them, or to effect their release immediately, was passed at a public meeting held under the auspices of the Delhi Provincial Forward "Bloc" this evening.—United Press.

"Sarat Bose Day" Postponed To 28th

NEW DELHI, December 20.

Sardar Sardul Singh Caveesheer, acting President of the All-India Forward Bloc, states that the All-India "Sarat Bose Day" will be observed on Sunday December 28, instead of December 21, to protest against his arrest and demand immediate release.—A. P.

Demand For Sarat Bose's Release

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

A public meeting of the citizens of Calcutta held this evening at Shraddhananda Park to protest against the arrest and detention of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose.

Mr. Akhil Chandra Dutta, Deputy Speaker, Central Assembly, presided. The meeting called upon the Government, responsible for his arrest, to release him without delay.—A. P.

The Organising Secretary of the All-India Forward Bloc has issued a statement protesting against the arrests of Sjt. Sarat Bose and Dr. Kalidas Nag.

Demand For Separate Andhra Province

MADRAS, Dec. 21.

The demand for a separate Andhra province was stressed by Maharajkumar Sir Vijaya of Vizianagram inaugurating today the silver jubilee celebrations of the Chennapuri Andhra Mahasabha at the V. P. Hall in the present of a large gathering. He expressed the belief that once power was transferred to Indian hands, the so-called communal differences, which looked so formidable to-day, would dwindle into nothing and the minority problems and the like would quickly disappear.—A P

A. I. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Stage Set For Cocanada Session

COCANADA, Dec. 20.

Mrs. B. Kameswaramma, General Secretary, Reception Committee of the All-India Women's Conference, Cocanada, states: "The arrangements for the Sixteenth Session of the All-India Women's Conference are nearing completion. Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, President-elect of the Conference, will be reaching Cocanada on December 26 evening and Mrs. Urmila Mehta, General Secretary, All-India Women's Conference is arriving here on December 23.

The Conference opens on December 29 at four in the evening. The Reception Committee hopes that women from all parts of the country will muster strong to make the conference a success."—A.P.

Afghan Religious Leader Dead

PESHAWAR, Dec. 21.

The death has occurred of Naqib Sahib of Chaharbagh at a ripe old age, it is learnt from Jelalabad.

Naqib Sahib was a picturesque in Afghan National life, being one of the most venerated religious leaders of Afghanistan. He was a direct descendant of Pirani Pir Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani Rehmatullah Allahe and had a large following in the country where he was highly respected by the late King Nadir Shah and the present Royal family. He leaves behind a son.—A. P.

Essential Foodstuffs And Delhi Ban

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20.

The District Magistrate Delhi, has prohibited the sale of certain essential foodstuffs at prices above those officially fixed and has also ordered that no person shall refuse to sell or withold sale of such articles to any member of the public. The sale of Adulterated articles, the use of false weight or any other act designed to evade the orders in this connection issued by the District Magistrate is also prohibited.

Contravention of the orders is made punishable with a maximum imprisonment of three years or fine or both.

The commodities specified include wheat, gram, bajra, barley, charcoal, firewood and matches.—A. P.

WARNING AGAINST GETTING PANICKY

Ambedkar Condemns "Ghastly Spectacle" Presented At Calcutta

(From Our Correspondent)
BANDRA, Dec. 22.

A stern warning against getting panicky over possible air-raids on this country was utterly by Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in his presidential remarks at the Physical Culture Demonstration organised by the Subedar Major Ambedkar Gymnasium last night under the patronage of Mr. McElheny, Collector of Bombay.

"There could be no more ghastly and depressing spectacle," said Dr. Ambedkar, "than the one witnessed at Calcutta the other day when on the bare, unconfirmed news that some bombs had been dropped on Rangoon some 500 miles from Calcutta, thousands of people began rushing to the railway station jamming the traffic and making it impossible for the railway authorities even to issue tickets or keep the traffic going.

Train Civilians

At the outset Dr. Ambedkar congratulated those who had taken part in the demonstration on the skill, talent and endurance they had shown and said that such training had a far more intrinsic national value than the mere spectacular side of it.

"Such training is of immense value from the point of view of national defence", he said.

"The character of modern warfare is completely different from what it is used to be in the past. In former times war affected only the combatants. To-day, because of aerial warfare, it affects the entire civilian population—man woman and child—most directly and intrinsically.

Every civilian requires the qualities of a soldier. Every civilian has got to be brave and cool in air raids. Every civilian has to participate in putting out fires, clearing up damaged areas; every civilian has to cooperate with the military in all defence measures. From this point of view the type of training that the young men have shown to-day is of immense value. These young men will be any day of better service to the nation than those have had no such training.

I hope that the Bandra municipality will realise its responsibility in this matter. I hope it will give all possible help and encouragement to the gymnasium in Bandra.

Nor is it difficulty for the municipality to do so. There are two main requirements of a gymnasium; one is land, and the other funds.

Vital Activity

Finally he urged the members of the Municipal Board to take up the question for serious consideration and to do all it possibly could in encouraging the vital national activity.

CHHATARI ON MAIN CAUSE OF WAR

HYDERABAD, Dec. 20.

Opening the Fourth Mulki Industrial Exhibition organised by the Economic Committee of the Osmania Graduates Association, the Nawab of Chhatari stated that the present war was being waged by the Axis to secure by force, the two worlds' economic resources and said that the main cause of this war was lack of religious consciousness.

The Nawab congratulated the old boys of the Osmania University for working together for a common object without distinction of caste or creed and advised them to be free from communal bias. No country he continued, can progress without unity.

The Nawab of Chhatari revealed that the Government have been taking measures to control prices of grain. The Nawab of Chhatari also disclosed that the Government has under consideration a Hydro-Electric scheme in the dominions as a first step to provide employment for the educated unemployed.—A. P.

Princess Foreda Injured

ALIGARH, Dec. 19.

Princess Foreda of Turkey was injured in a car accident near Etah, while travelling from Lucknow to Delhi. She is being treated at Aligarh by Dr. Ahmad, and is making satisfactory progress. She may leave for Bombay in a few days.—A. P.

A. R. P. IN TRAVANCORE

TRIVANDRUM, Dec. 21.

The Government of Travancore have decided that an A. R. P. scheme should be reorganized and made statewide in scope with arrangements for volunteers and for regular training in drill, firefighting, etc.

The Dewan Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer himself has taken personal control over the organisation and its working.—A. P.

COMMISSIONER ESTIMATES INCOME OF Rs. 366.82 LAKHS

Municipal Budget Figures For 1942 Before Standing Committee

The Standing Committee of the Municipal Corporation have concluded their discussion on the Budget Estimates for 1942-43 which were prepared by the Municipal Commissioner and placed before them for being submitted to the Corporation for approval.

In all 21 Special Meetings of the Standing Committee were held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mrs. Balinibai B. Sukthankar for the detailed scrutiny of the Budget. The Commissioner had estimated an income of Rs. 3,66.82 lakhs.

The Committee have approved the estimates of income as prepared by the Commissioner under various rates and taxes except in regard to the rate for water supply by meter measurement charged to the cotton and other mills and bungalows and gardens with fountains.

The Committee have increased the rate from annas 10 to annas 14 in respect of the mills and from annas 10 to annas 12 in respect of bungalows and gardens with fountains. The Estimate of Income is thus increased by about Rs. 3.47 lakhs and will amount to Rs. 3,70.29 lakhs.

The Committee have after thorough scrutiny of the estimates of expenditure reduced the departmental demands by about Rs. 3.10 lakhs out of which a reduction of Rs. 50 lakhs is in the grant to be paid to the Schools Committee.

The estimate of expenditure amounting to Rs. 3,7722 lakhs as framed by the Commissioner has thus been reduced to Rs. 3,74,12. In the Loan Works Budget the Committee have reduced the Loan Works Programm for 1942-43 by about Rs. 3.80 lakhs.

The 'B Budget which relates to the Improvement Schemes has been adopted with slight decrease of Rs. 16 lakhs in the expenditure under General Account.

Searches And Arrests In Jamnagar

(From Our Correspondent).
JAMNAGAR, Dec. 18.

Four youngmen named Hematlal Nyalchand, Shantilal Hemchand Maganlal Chandalia and Ved were taken under custody The houses of the first two and a library named Sahityasabha were searched. The arrests it is understood, were due to find of alleged objectionable literature.

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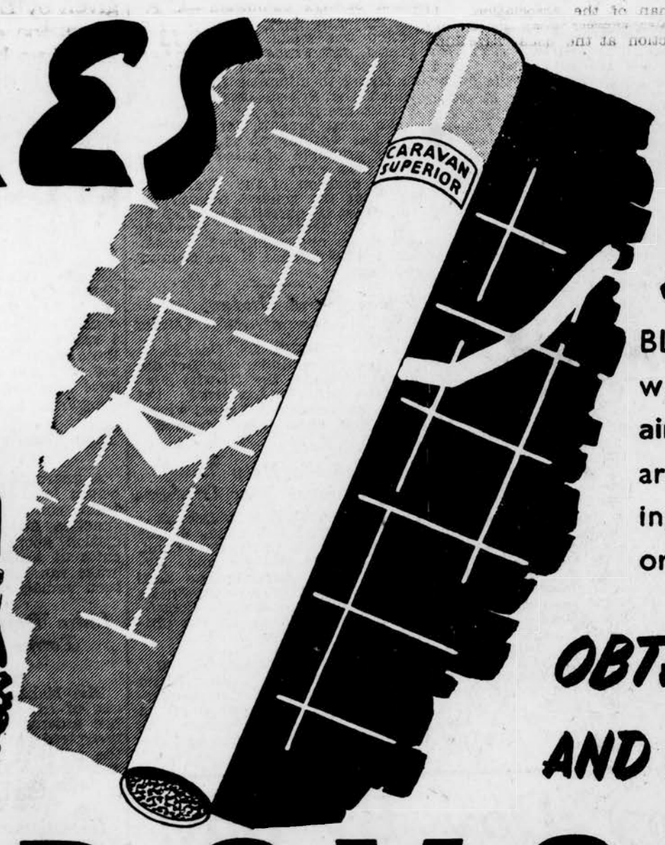

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German C-in-C Dismissed: Hitler As Supreme Commander Of Army

FUEHRER DESCRIBES SOVIET AS MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY OF ALL TIMES

BERLIN, Dec. 22.

THE GERMAN RADIO SAYS IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE FUEHRER AND SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE GERMAN ARMED FORCES TAKES OVER ALSO THE POST OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN THE PLACE OF THE FORMER COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FIELD MARSHAL VON BRAUCHITSCH.

An earlier message said that Hitler had dismissed Field Marshal Brauchitsch, the Commander-in-Chief of the German Army and assumed the post himself.

It was officially announced in Berlin that since last Friday the Fuehrer "combined in his hands the leadership of the whole armed forces with the Supreme Command of the Army."

The announcement adds: "When the Fuehrer on February 4, 1938 personally assumed commanding power over the whole armed forces, this was done out of concern for the then already threatening military conflict for the freedom of the German people".

HITLER'S APPEAL TO ARMY

On the occasion of the assumption of the Supreme Command of the Army the Fuehrer has issued the following appeal to soldiers of the army and S S formations:

"Soldiers of Army and S. S."

The battle for the liberty of our people, for the security of its future existence and to make it impossible that we should be threatened every 20 or 25 years with war under a fresh pretext but under in reality for the same Jewish capitalist interests is now approaching a culminating and turning point.

The German Reich, Italy and the nations allied to us have had the fortune to find in Japan, who is a world power, a new friend and comrade in arms.

Japan was to have been strangled with the same forms and pretexts as we ourselves.

We are now facing a decision of worldwide importance. The armies in the east after taking their immortal victories without parallel in world history against the most dangerous enemy of all time must now owing to the sudden onset of winter be brought from mobile progress into a stationary front.

Facing Russia

It is their task up to the beginning of spring to hold and defend with like fanaticism what they have hitherto conquered with immeasurable heroism and heavy sacrifices.

From the new eastern front nothing else is to be expected than what German soldiers achieved in four Russian winter campaigns 25 years ago.

Every German soldier must set an example for our loyal allies.

Apart from this, however, fresh units will be formed and above all new and better weapons will be issued as they were last winter.

The defence of the front in the west will be strengthened from Kirknaes to the Spanish frontier. Preparations for immediate resumption of offensive operations in spring until the enemy in the east is finally destroyed must be taken at once; other defensive war measures are about to be taken.

Difficulties of organising communications on this front to-day extending over the whole continent and stretching as far as north Africa must be overcome. But this too will be successfully accomplished.

These tasks demand that the armed forces and the homefront should brace themselves to the greatest common effort. It is the army which bears the weight of the struggle.

In these circumstances I have therefore decided in my capacity of Supreme Commander of the German armed forces to assume personally the leadership of the army.

I know war from four years of mighty conflict in the west from 1914 to 1918.

I experienced personally the horrors of almost all battles as an ordinary soldier. I was wounded twice and was even threatened with blindness. Thus nothing that torments you, weighs upon you and oppresses you is unknown to me.

I alone after four years of war never for a second doubted the resurrection of my people and with my fanatical will I, a simple German soldier, succeeded in uniting once more the whole German nation after more than 15 years of work and in freeing it from the death sentence of Versailles.

"My Heart Belong To You"

My soldiers, you will, therefore, understand that my heart solely belongs to you, that my will and my work serve unflinchingly the greatness of my people which is yours also, that my mind and my resolution are directed only towards the destruction of the enemy, that is, the victorious conclusion of this war.

What I can do for you, my soldiers of the army and S. S. formations, by way of care and leadership will be done. What you can do for me and what you will do that I know you will do with loyalty and obedience until the Reich and our German people are finally saved. God Almighty will not withhold victory from his brave soldiers."

The appeal is dated from the Fuehrer's Headquarters, December 19, 1941.

Reasons of State imperatively demanded that all powers should be concentrated in one hand. Only thus could preparations for successful resistance succeed, resistance which it was known, would lead to "total war" even more than did the World War of 1914 to 1918.

In addition, the realisation of an inward call and his own will to take responsibility upon himself weighted with statesman Adolf Hitler when he resolved to be his own Generalissimo. The course of this was has more and more confirmed the recognition of this fact, but it was fully shown only when the campaign in the East assumed proportions exceeding all past notions.

The vastness of the theatre of the war, close connection of conduct of land operations with political and economic war aims and also the numerical size of army compared with the other part of the armed forces induced the Fuehrer to follow his intuitions and to influence in the strongest possible manner operations and equipment of the army and to reserve to himself personally all essential decisions in this sphere.

Following up his decision of February 4, 1938, the Fuehrer, therefore, resolved on December 19, 1941, while fully recognising the merits of the present Supreme Commander of the Army, General Field-Marshal Von Branchitsch, to combine in his own hands the leadership of whole armed forces with the Supreme Command of the Army.

Nazi High Command Gets Unpopular

The announcement that Hitler has taken over the supreme command of the German army is a remarkable event. It is a bold step but a desperate one, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

In the first place it is clear that Hitler is throwing his personal popularity into the scale in a final attempt to stop the rot which has set in on the Eastern Front.

Secondly, it must also imply dissatisfaction with the present High Command: otherwise there would be no need for a change.

In view of recent rumours that Marshal Brauchitsch, Bock and Kietel have fallen into disgrace, Hitler's decision certainly suggests that there has been serious dissention between him and the army leaders.

Whether this extends to the party and the army as well, time will very soon show. In any case the proclamation little alters things because Hitler had already assumed full responsibility for the final offensive against Moscow which turned out so disastrously.

The Generals were acting under his orders and the present gesture merely suggests that he is now trying to blame them for the failure of his plans.

It also implies grave concern regarding the home front in respect of which Hitler voiced misgivings in his last speech. The recent appeal to the German public for contributions to winter clothing for troops will not help to tranquilise the fabric of anxiety.—Reuter.

Shrimati Sarojini Naidu snapped on arrival in Bombay on Monday morning.

MRS. NAIDU FOR BARDOLI

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu arrived in Bombay by the Madras Express on Monday morning and left for Bardoli by the Ahmedabad Passenger the same evening.

She was received at the Victoria Terminus by Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mr. S. K. Patil, Mr. Abidalli Jafferbhoy, Mr. Dhirajlal Desai and by her sister Smt. Sunalini Devi.

Dr. Pattabhi Seetaramayya also left for Bardoli by the same train.

Allied Entry Into Timor

British Government's Explanation

LONDON, Dec. 21.

The British Government in a statement issued to-night (Sunday) says: 'The British Government in the United Kingdom anxious to offer to the Government and the people of Portugal an explanation of the circumstances which led to the entry into Portugese Timor on Decemb er 17 of a combined force of Australian and Netherlands troops.

As His Excellency the Prime Minister of Portugal stated, in his declaration in the National Assembly, on December 19, exchanges of views had been proceeding for some time between the British Government and the Portuguese Government, regarding the danger of hostile action by Japan in view of the strategic importance of the territory and the slender nature of its defensive forces.

"It was hoped that there would be time to work out, in full consultation and agreement with the Portuguese Government, detailed plans for rendering assistance which had been offered and which the Portuguese Government were willing to accept in the event of attack. Before these plans could be completed, however, a fundamental change in the situation was brought about by Japan's sudden act of treachery on December 7.

Dominion Status At End Of War

British Labour Pressing For Unequivocal Declaration

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, December 22.

Since the revelation last week about Labour's demand for breaking the Indian deadlock, the newspapers here are coming out in an increasing number with the same news.

The Diplomatic correspondent of the 'Manchester Guardian' says that a feeling has been growing in the Parliamentary Labour Party that on India, the Labour Ministers have failed to press the distinctive Labour point of view. The main contention of Labour is that the situation in India has been allowed to drift far too long.

The correspondent adds:—

"Although the precise nature of suggestions is not known it seems that the Labour Members are ready to ask for a clear declaration from Government that India shall have full Dominion Status after the conclusion of the hostilities. They do not boggle at setting a time limit.

"They would also like the Prime Minister to be an instrument for this declaration both because of his attitude on the Indian constitutional movement in the past and also to dispose of the misgivings raised by the singular way in which he expected India from the provisions of the Atlantic Charter.

"The Labour Members are also devising means by which a way can be prepared for constitution-making, and they are inclined to begin with, to propose that a Commission should be sent out to India at once to meet the Indian leaders"

HOLIDAYS CURTAILED IN NEW ZEALAND

WELLINGTON, Dec. 21.

An appeal to workers to carry on essential work during holiday period was made to-day by Mr. Fraser, the Prime Minister.

There is, he states, no point in trying to minimise the peril in which the British peoples in the Pacific are placed.

We must prepare for all eventualities working on the old and tried principle of being sure rather than sorry.

The decision of the War Cabinet that the general holiday period must be curtailed is based on the vital necessity of providing munitions and equipment essential to the defence of the country. —Reuter.

Prices Fixed Under Magistrate's Order

BENARES, Dec. 21.

In an order under the Defence of India Rules the District Magistrate, Benares, has fixed the prices of kerosene oil, rice, wheat, dal, matchbox and firewood.—A. P.

Hyderabad's Help To Chinese War Orphans

HYDERABAD, Dec. 22.

The Working Committee of the Hyderabad War Purposes Fund, as a friendly gesture from Hyderabad, has contributed Rs. 3,000 to Madame Chang Kai Shek's fund through the Chinese Consul-General at Calcutta for the Chinese War Orphans.—A P.

PESHAWAR, Dec. 20.

General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief was entertained at a banquet by the Premier, Ali Feroughi at the Foreign Ministry at Teheran last night.

Russians Expose Nazi Plot Against Turkey

Continue Advance After Fierce Engagements On All Fronts

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.

SOVIET NIGHT COMMUNIQUE STATES: "DURING DECEMBER 21 OUR TROOPS FOUGHT THE ENEMY ON ALL FRONTS. IN A NUMBER OF SECTORS OF THE WESTERN, KALININ, SOUTH-WESTERN AND LENINGRAD FRONTS, OUR TROOPS FOUGHT FIFRCF ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE ENEMY AND CONTINUED TO ADVANCF OCCUPYING A CERTAIN NUMBER OF LOCALITIES AMONG WHICH ARE BUDGOTSCH—SOUTH-WEST OF TIKHVIN—GRUZINO—NEAR CHUDOVO—AND KRAPIVNO—SOUTH-WEST OF TULA".

A German plot to sink a Turkish ship and to put the blame for it on Russian was revealed by the Moscow radio last night Sunday quoting the Istanbul correspondent of the "Izvestia".

Referring to two previous sinkings the correspondent says: "A third case of sinking of a Turkish merchantship by a submarine of 'unknown' nationality will take place one of these days. The crew will be saved as it will include German agents who are going on to figure as witnesses.

The crew of the submarine will wear Soviet identification marks so that this vile affair can later be attributed to U.S.S.R.

These are high confidential instructions issued by the German Ambassador von Papen. German agents expect that after the sinking of a Turkish vessel relations between the U.S.S.R. and Turkey will be strained."

Italians In Occupied Countries To Be Mobilised

BASLE, Dec. 22.

Mobilisation between January 15 and 31 of further military classes, especially Italian students abroad and in occupied territories, is reported by the Rome correspondent of the Basle newspaper "Nachrichten."

Those formerly exempted on family grounds will also be called to colours.

The correspondent adds that passenger train service in Italy is further curtailed on Sunday.—Reuter.

Safe Arrivals Of Air And Sea Mails In U. K.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19.

Sea borne Mails which left India after October 24 and up to October 29 have been delivered in the United Kingdom. Air mails which left India after October 5 and up to October 9 and also those which left India after October 29 and up to November 5 have been delivered in the United Kingdom.—A. P.

Two Goods Trains Collide

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21.

A guard and two firemen received injuries when two goods trains collided between Dum Dum junction and Barrackpore Road station, about six miles from Calcutta at about 1 p.m. to-day. A brake van and a wagon have been damaged.—A. P.

India Defence Prisoners' Terms Cut Short

INDORE, Dec. 19.

The Maharaja Holkar, in exercise of his sovereign prerogative has ordered the remission of the unexpired part of the sentence of the following prisoners convicted and sentenced under the Defence of India Rules as applied to the Holkar State and their release forthwith.

Laxmidutta Sharma, Shankar Waman Pandit, Ashok Kumar, Kalyandutta Sharma, Chandra Shekar Manjrekar and Bherulal.

Sleeping Woman Stabbed

(From A Correspondent.)

URAN, December 21.

Mrs. Yashodabai Mahadeo aged 30 years a woman from the Agri Community has been taken to the G. T. Hospital, Bombay today for treatment, her condition being serious.

Early on Saturday before dawn as she was asleep in her own house at Uran some person entered her room and stabbed her with a knife inflicting a heinous wound 1 1/2 inches deep and 10 inches long in her stomach.

Immediately after the incident she was taken to the Uran Hospital but the wound being of a serious nature she has been removed to the G. T. Hospital Bombay for operation. It is said that her condition is serious.

R. A. F. Works Havoc

Huge Enemy Losses In Libyan Campaign

CAIRO, Dec. 22.

General Rommel's air losses in Libya since the beginning of the imperial offensive has now exceeded 500. Royal Air Force communiques of November 18 inclusive report the certain destruction of 296 Axis planes in either air combats or aground.

To this total must be added at least 200 and ten more which have been found in various stages of destruction on many airfields captured by the advancing troops and which can surely be assumed were not included in the above total. During the same period British losses are given as 186 out of this number many pilots are saved.

DERNANS CALL THEM "GEORGE."

Reuter's special correspondent with British forces in Libya writes:—

Driving along the road leading towards Apollonia and Cyrene I stopped at what was evidently the Governor's villa and walked in. There was nobody about, so I took up residence in it.

During the first hour of occupation sporadic shooting was heard from side-streets where our troops were rounding up a few stragglers but peace and quiet soon supervened.

A greater portion of the force which entered the town paused only a few minutes before pushing along the main road to Benghazi, but some remained with a view to mopping up the hinterland, where small pockets of resistance still existed.

A sunken ship in the harbour and the installation of a tiny port damaged by bombs showed where the R. A. F. left its mark. Large British bombs had, in fact, landed in a cabbage bed outside my window here and on the verandah a very heavy splinter has been kept apparently as a memento.

On a piece of common ground in the town piled in dumps five feet high were row upon row of German and Italian bombs. The first native Dernans who greeted us gave the Fascist salute but very soon we found that they learned the democratic thumbs-up sign and were addressing every British soldier they met as "George."

Provisional administration is being installed forthwith. The town has been stripped of food and with water and electricity cut off, essential supply services must be maintained. Apart from a small area near the port, Derna is unmarred by bombs and there is no reason why life should not regain normal tempo here in a day or two.—Reuter.

More Enemy Planes

LONDON, December 21.

For every plane that Britain has lost in Western Europe and the Middle East last week the Axis lost four.

Total Axis losses in these two theatres of war are 184, R.A.F.s 45

The enemy figure equals our record 'bag' for any week this year achieved in last June.

The overwhelming success in the Western Desert contributed largely to the big score of 171 Axis machines being destroyed there.

In Western Europe, Germans had three bombers shot down over Britain's eight fighters over Brest and the Navy claimed two.

The R.A.F. lost 14 machines in Western Europe and 31 in the Middle East.

Revised figures for the Far East and latest announcements by British, United States and Dutch official sources give the number of enemy planes destroyed in the past fortnight as 148.

Charlie Chan Detective Story Day By Day:

CHARLIE CHAN — BUTTON UP YOUR CLUE — By ALFRED ANDRIOLA

IF I GET RID OF MY CAR I CAN DESTROY THE TIRE PATTERN CLUE - BUT- WHAT'S CHAN PICKING UP?
I'LL HAVE TO RISK STAYING UNTIL I KNOW WHAT CHAN FOUND!
DID YOU FIND A CLUE, CHAN?
HAVE FOUND BROKEN BUTTON-
- WHICH KILLER LEFT ACCIDENTALLY! CLUE MAY BUTTON GUILT ON HIM!
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